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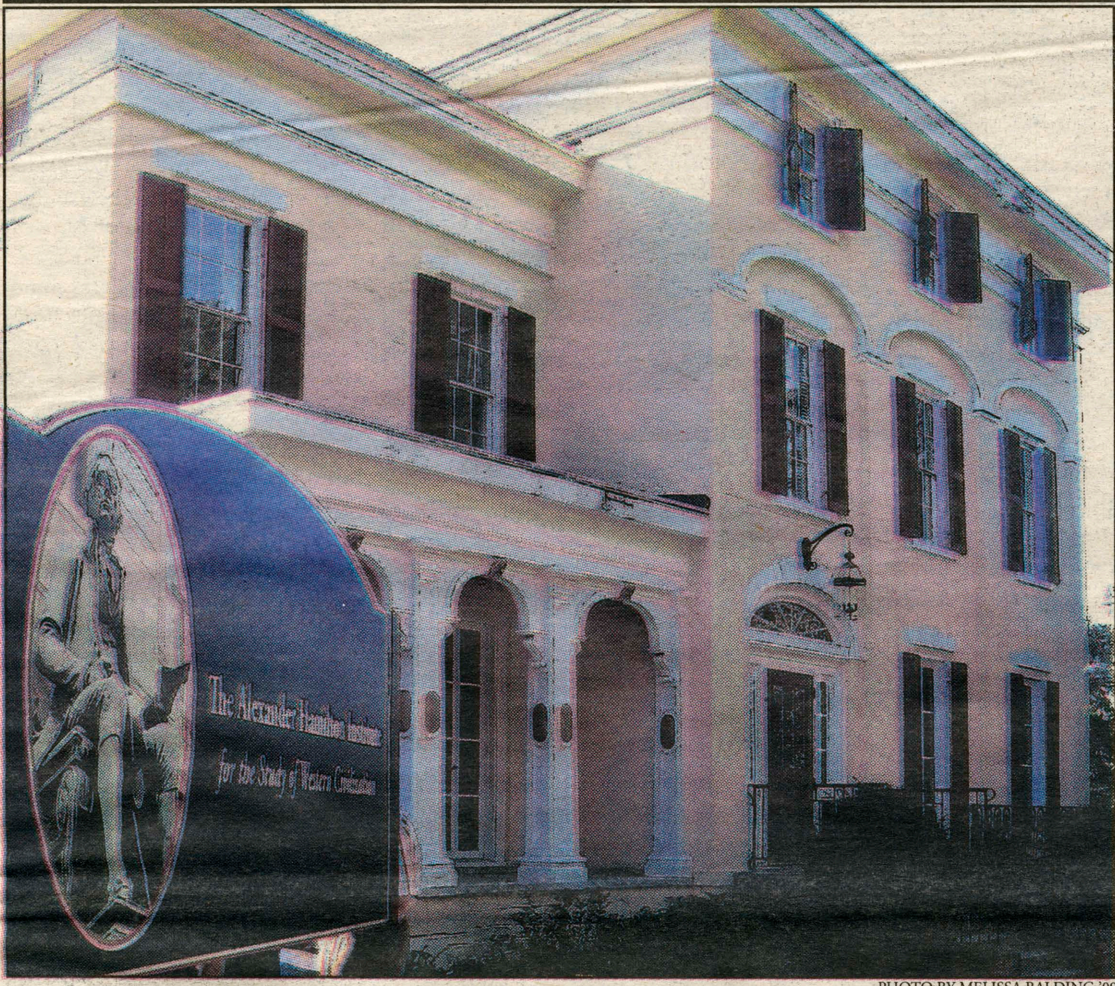

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The new Alexander Hamilton Institute is located down the hill on the Clinton green.

Alexander Hamilton Institute Opens in Clinton

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On November 22, 2006 Sidney Wertimer Professor of History Douglas Ambrose, Elias W. Leavenworth Professor of Economics James Bradfield, and Publius Virgilius Rogers Professor of American History Robert Paquette acquiesced, along with Hamilton College President Joan Hinde Stewart and Dean of Faculty Joseph Urgo, that certain issues regarding the governance of the Alexander Hamilton Center for the Study of Western Civilization could not be resolved in a satisfactory manner, suspending the creation of the AHC indefinitely. On Monday afternoon, nearly 10 months since the cessation of development of the AHC in conjunction with Hamilton College, Professors Ambrose, Bradfield, and Paquette stood proudly in Clinton to unveil the sign, bearing the AHC's new name: the Alexander Hamilton Institute for the Study of Western Civilization, outside of the institute's new home, the old Alexander Hamilton Inn.

After negotiations with the Hamilton administration failed last year, the institute's three founders, Bradfield, Paquette and Ambrose, did not give up hope for a future for their project. Drawing on much of the same support that had promised great things for the AHC last year, the founders set out to establish the center independent of Hamilton College's support. The financial difficulties encountered by the owner of the Alexander Hamilton Inn, and his consequent filing for bankruptcy, provided the founders with a great opportunity for a new location for the center. In order to capitalize on this opportunity, the founders solicited the financial support of a number of investors, who formed

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Hamilton Sits in Protest of Jena 6

by Mallory Reed '10
News Editor

On September 20, 2007 Hamilton students and faculty gathered to eat lunch in the shade of the trees outside of Commons. In Jena, Louisiana, six black students were thrown in jail after events stemming from doing the same – sitting beneath a tree. To show support for the Jena 6 and to raise awareness for enduring racial discrimination, members of the Hamilton community dressed in black and gathered for a meal and discussion outdoors on the hill.

Last September in Jena, a Southern town holding onto the racial segregation of the Jim Crow era, two black high school students sat beneath a designated "white tree" on their school campus. The next day, three nooses were hung from the same tree. When the white students responsible for what the superintendent dubbed a harmless "prank" were given a mere 3-day suspension, the black students returned to sit under the tree in protest. The District Attorney Walter Reed and the Jena police broke up the protest, but did nothing to soothe the ensuing wave of white-on-black violence.

However, after a white student was beaten up in a schoolyard fight, and was sent to the emergency room and released, Reed charged six black students with attempted murder. Bail was set so high for Robert Bailey, Theo Shaw, Carwin Jones, Bryant Purvis, Mychal Bell, and an unidentified minor that they remained in prison for months. September 20 marked the date of Mychal Bell's retrial, which was rescheduled to a later date, and prompted a huge protest march in Jena.

Many members of the Hamilton Community dressed in black and congregated outside Commons from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the day of the march to join in the fight for the Jena Six. Abdel Abdelghany '10 said, "We want to bring awareness to injustice," and Corinne Bancroft '10 added, "And [we want] to show our support." Students participated in discussion while eating lunch and encouraged passer-bys to sign a national petition on a laptop. This petition calls for Louisiana

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PHOTO COURTESY OF ANDREW PAPE '10

Awareness was the theme of the day as students and staff sit-in to support the Campaign to Free Jena 6.

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Gym Class Heroes to Rock the Hill

MTV's 2007 Best New Artist, Gym Class Heroes, are set to tear it up in the Tolles Pavilion Saturday September 22. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The Pack and DJ Abilities will be opening up the show at 7:30 p.m.

If you have not already purchased a ticket you are unfortunately out of luck. The concert sold out almost immediately after the tickets went on sale. Professional security will be at all doors insuring only those lucky ticket bearers gain entrance.

If you are one of the lucky ones, be sure to check your Hamilton e-mails before heading out to the concert for the Entrance Policies that will be in effect.

For a free t-shirt contact CAB at cab@hamilton.edu about helping to set up for the concert Friday afternoon or Saturday morning.

International News: Drop in Rates, Dollar

by Zeynep Harezi '10
International News Columnist

• The dollar hit its lowest value of $1.39 per Euro on September 12. Major financial forecasters expect to see $1.4 within a week after the Federal Reserve cut its interest rate by a half-percentage point to 4.75 percent, the first reduction since 2003. The U.S. currency also fell to a 30-year low of 98.74 U.S. cents per Canadian dollar. This might have a positive affect on the trade deficit since importing from the U.S. will be relatively cheaper to other countries the as dollar depreciates.

• Lehman Brothers, Bear Stearns, Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley and Merrill Lynch, may be better off selling themselves to big banks, reported the Wall Street Journal. The unsourced report, part of the paper's Breaking Views column, speculated that the four New York listed financial services firms would be better off selling themselves to big banks because being owned by a bank has benefits, including giving the firms access to funding on the cheap and enabling them to offer long-term loans.

• OPEC (Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries) boosted their output of oil by 500,000 barrels a day. This decision signals that OPEC believes the approximately $80 per barrel is over valued. With the increase in supply oil prices are expected to go down but not below $60 as OPEC has indicated.

• Wheat prices have risen from $5 to $9 per bushel since the beginning of 2007. The reason for this increase is the drought in major wheat suppliers Canada and Australia as well as the flooding in Europe's wheat producing nations. Due to the shortage in supply and subsequent rise in price, America's biggest cereal producer Kellogg Co. has raised its prices.

• American employers, excluding farms, cut 4,000 workers from their payrolls in August, the first decline in four years. Payrolls for June and July were revised down by a total of 81,000 recorded *The Economist*. Despite the job cuts, the unemployment rate was steady at 4.6% since the number of willing workers fell distinctly as well.

• Pakistan's president General Pervez Musharraf is planning to run for another term. Former president Nawaz Sharif, who was over thrown by General Musharraf in 1999, made an attempt to return back to Pakistan after his exile in 2000 to Saudi Arabia. He was charged with corruption at the airport and was sent back to Saudi Arabia.

• Fed cut the interest rates for the first time in four years. The debate between cutting the Federal Funds Rate by a quarter or half a point ended by Fed deciding on the safe bet and reducing it by .5 percent. The decision of the Fed resulted in the DOW rising by 200 points for that day.

New Campus Card Will Be Key

by Bessie Taliaferro '10
News Writer

Within the next year, the current Hamilton campus card will be replaced with a new one that will ultimately serve as a key, a debit card, a source of identification, and more. The card will give employees, students, parents, and friends of the college access to a variety of services.

What inspired the change? According to Vice President for Information Technology Dave Smallen, "the College has been exploring alternatives for the last several years; and last year, a committee viewed the capability of this system at another college and decided to move forward with this project."

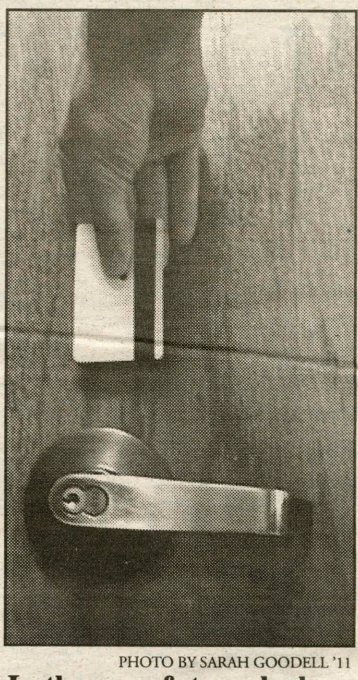

PHOTO BY SARAH GOODELL '11

In the near future, locks on doors will give way to a key card swipe system.

The current card, which has been used for the last decade, is used only for identification, access to library materials, dining, campus store purchases, and limited access to vending. Financial accounts are available on the current card, but increasing the available balance is only possible by contacting administrative services during business hours.

Now cardholders will manage their financial accounts on the internet and will be able to disable their lost cards at any time. The new card will also be used for laundry and copy machines. Smallen said, "the new campus card will provide employees, students, parents, and friends of the college with an expanded range of services."

Hamilton has been researching alternatives to the current card for the last several years. Planning for the new card has been underway for the past summer, and the kick-off meeting was on September 18 and 19, 2007. Sometime during the next month, a detailed implementation plan will be scheduled to put the new system in place.

The cards are to replace physical keys at some point in the spring term. As "proximity cards," they will not have the current magnetic stripe, and only need to be near the reader for access to buildings. "Proximity cards make sense for readers that have to be outside in our climate," said Smallen.

The new system aims to end the practice of propping doors. Any doors to residence halls will have alarms that will go off after a certain amount of time yet to be decided with exceptions, such as when students are moving in and out of dorms. The new system will be integrated with other campus information systems, such as Datatel, Kronos, and Blackboard.

How do students feel about the new system? Many have mixed reviews. According to Emerson Josue Sosa '10, the problem is self-evident: "Yo for real though…now I can't get into peoples' dorms." Many students do not feel that their safety is currently compromised. According to Allegra Thomas '10, "Being able to prop my door and still feel safe is what I've always loved about Hamilton. I don't think the change is necessary." Some have inquired as to how someone could have a party without constantly returning to the door to let people in.

But the administration believes that propping doors is potentially dangerous; Smallen said that the former system "compromised the security of residence halls." The system is expected to be in place by the end of the second semester.

Congratulations to the 2011 Class Officers:

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Jena 6 Protest: Awareness and Activism at Hamilton

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Governor Kathleen Blanco to make sure that justice is served for Mychal Bell, and that Reed drops charges against the five boys who have not yet gone to trial.

All members present at the sit-in echoed general feelings of "disgust and disbelief" over lingering racial tensions in the Southern United States. Kara Cover '10 said, "This is ridiculous. It's 2007 and this is still going on." Sit-in participants agreed with Abdelghany who said, "We shouldn't have to do this."

Many voiced anger and frustration over the widespread racial discrimination that many Americans overlook and ignore. Andrew Pape '10 said, "This is not an isolated incident." As not all racial issues are given national attention, Rafael Rosa '10 said, "Just imagine all of the cases that people never see and nobody knows about." Laura Wright '10 revealed a common disappointment in the media when she said, "The fact that these students have been in jail since December shows that the media is non-representative of important issues."

Sit-in participants also expressed resentment over what Cover called "the ease of apathy" on-campus. Siege Santiago '10 said, "I find it remarkable that there was an all-campus e-mail and there are only about 60 people here." Devin Farkas '09 said, "Living here in upstate New York, you think that if you're not affected by it, it's not an issue. Before I heard about the Jena Six, I had known that things were going on down south, but not the level." However, many agreed with Bancroft who said, "Even here at Hamilton College it's important to question injustice; this is our world and these things are happening. We need to take ownership and say that it's wrong."

Awareness was the message of the day as the Hamilton Community came together in protest of injustice and to show their support for the Jena 6. However, all participants agreed with Hannah Roth '11 who said that the sit-in was just a "stepping-stone," and, "there is much more that can be done." Pape added, "We need to keep doing these things. This shouldn't just be an event; it should be a life-style."

Awareness needs to start on campus and spread outwards. Students can get involved by joining one of the many groups at Hamilton that work to raise awareness about issues of injustice such as Students Against Violence, the Rainbow Alliance, and the Diversity and Social Justice Initiative. Emerson Sosa '10 said, "Interaction between groups is important in order to speak out. We should bring all organizations together from sports teams to the Diversity and Social Justice Initiative to the Black Student Union." Corinne Bancroft said, "The important part is that you're doing something, and we should do it together."

To learn more and join the Campaign to Free the Jena 6, you can visit www.colorofchange.org/jena. For further activism opportunities, Students Against Violence is organizing a trip to a rally and march for peace on September 29. Pape said, "If people are interested in issues on campus, in the nation, and in the world, we can do it. It's more than just today."

Constitution Day Celebration Focuses On Change

by Kara Labs '09
News Writer

On Monday, September 17, 2007, Hamilton College held a Constitution Day Celebration in the Chapel. A panel of seven faculty members rallied together to present a collection of five to ten minute proposals focusing on a change they would make to our nation's Constitution. Before the panel discussion, all those in attendance received pocket Constitutions.

Professor of Government Theodore Eismeier spoke of the Constitution as "the most important document in World History; we honor it, but we don't read it properly." Eismeier introduced each of his colleagues: Visiting Associate Government Professor Nicolas Tampio, Associate Professor of Government Robert Martin, Professor of Economics James Bradfield, Professor of Communications Catherine Phelan, Professor of Government Ned Walker, and Professor of Government Phil Klinkner.

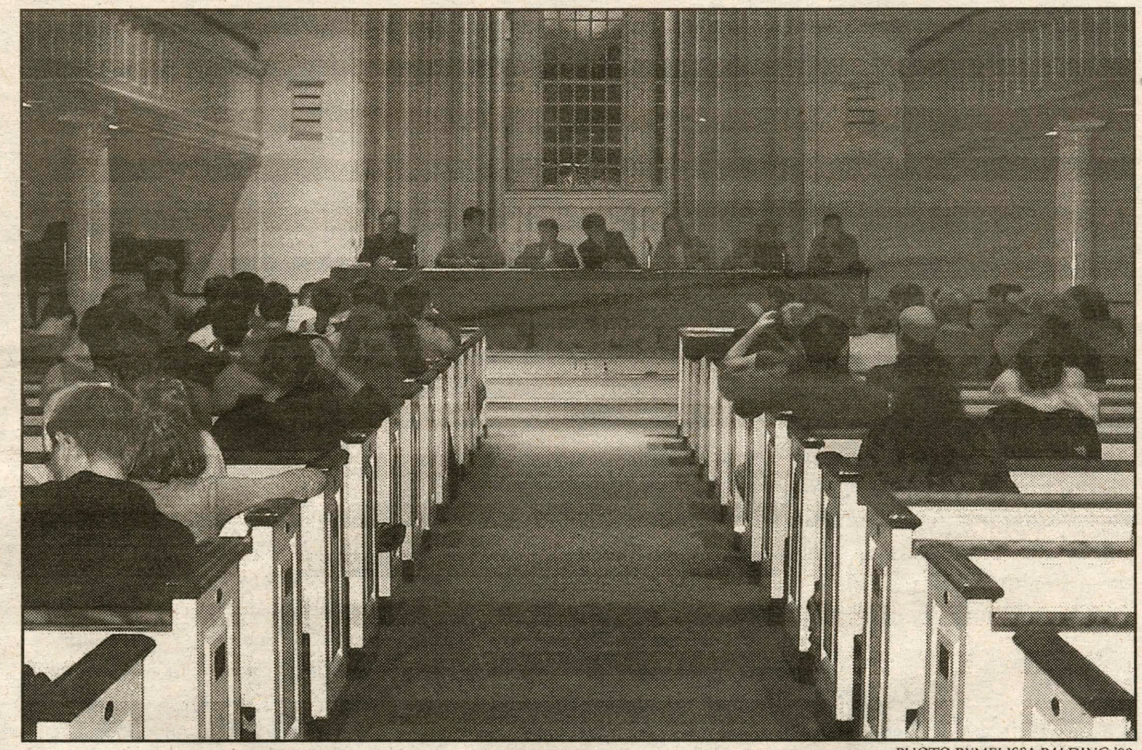
Professor Eismeier stated that in our "march to a more democratic system" we must look for three things. First, we must be cautious about changing the Constitution; second, we must ask ourselves whether or not the circumstances have changed since the framers established it; and third, we must be able to fulfill democratic principles and promises.

Professor Tampio took the microphone to discuss the move toward D.C. statehood. This is a personal issue for him because his parents are residents of the Capital and do not have the right to vote. He argued that since this country was built on republican principles, he would prefer a constitutional amendment to aid in the movement to make Washington D.C. a full state. As of now, D.C. residents have recently gained the right to vote and as of 2007 have one voting member in the House of Representatives. His last plea was that he wanted people to join the effort to make D.C. residents "full American citizens."

Next Professor Martin discussed the possibility of a 'Deliberation Day.' This would be a National Holiday two weeks before the election that would hopefully help to get more people to vote. The public would be compensated a certain amount of money to encourage attendance. He argued that if this day was instituted, people would be more willing to discuss the issues they wanted to discuss rather than what the media wants the public to talk about.

Professor Bradfield was concerned with the takings clause of the fifth amendment, "be secure from self-incrimination." He argued that the role of the government should be to promote mutually beneficial exchanges because both parties involved would be better off. Looking at it from an economics standpoint, "markets fail if they impede mutually beneficial exchanges," and he thinks that the eminent domain clause is abused.

Next Professor Phelan did not propose an amendment, but rather discussed the "speech clause." She argued that communication technology poses a threat to freedom of speech, which is not absolute. The Supreme Court has limited this freedom in certain circumstances. She said, "We cannot reject our American tradition," and elaborated, "We have to understand where we come from in order to see where we are headed."



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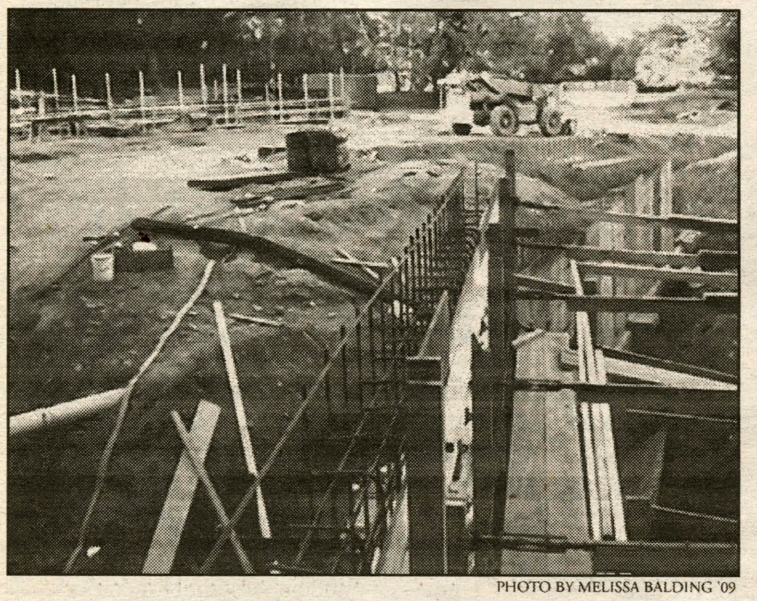
A seven professor panel sat on stage for the Constitution Day Celebration in the Chapel. Topics ranged from Professor Eismeier's presentation on the correct way to read the Constitution to Professor Klinkner's proposition to rewrite the entire document.

Professor Walker dealt with how we get into war, how we get out, and who ultimately makes those decisions. He claimed that the definition of war has changed so much over the years that the Constitution needs to be altered. Back when the Framers established the Constitution they had wars between the states; however, that is not the case anymore. There are many battles being fought all over the world. We do not really declare war anymore; we mobilize troops to rescue Americans and provide for foreign security. Some people still think that a change to the President's right to declare war would be an infringement on the President's rights.

Professor Klinkner was the last of the panel to speak. He proposed a radical notion, to throw out the whole Constitution and start over. He believes the Constitution of the United States should be replaced with a new, more democratic one. He claims that the Framers were undemocratic and as a result, the institutions of the Senate and House and the concept of checks and balances is undemocratic. He appealed for a new system that would be more participatory and representative of the citizens of the United States, which would make elections matter.

Economics Professor Bradfield made a brief announcement to conclude the panel, stating that the Alexander Hamilton Institute was being opened in the Alexander Hamilton Inn down the road in Clinton to research Constitutional matters. After the panel there was a brief question and answer period and a reception in the Bristol Hub.

Construction Update: Diggin' Up The Dark Side



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A structure slowly emerges from the hole outside KJ.

by Meredith Kennedy '09
News Writer

It is no secret that Hamilton College is in a current state of flux, with various construction and improvement projects under way. The Kirner-Johnson addition, which began over the summer and will continue until 2009, is currently the most extensive and demanding project on campus.

If members of the Hamilton Community are not familiar with the frequent campus construction update e-mails, they will be pleased to know that although their daily routines may be regularly infringed upon, there has been great progress with the KJ project. Despite minor setbacks early in the summer when unknown utilities were found buried underground and had to be re-routed, everything is going smoothly.

Associate Director of Physical Plant Bill Huggins, who is involved in various aspects of construction projects across campus, including design and managing contractors, is confident in the progress of the project so far. While students are busy trying to dodge the construction vehicles, Huggins is attending safety meetings and meeting with supervisors, and is keeping an overall eye on everything. "It's kind of like being an orchestra leader," Huggins claimed, "trying to juggle everything and keep people happy at the same time."

Huggins noted that the work on KJ has not yet entered the peak stage of building, which will include more than one hundred contractors. During the final stages of completion of the Science Center, there were up to one hundred fifty contractors, but there are only thirty-five currently on site at KJ. Due to the limited space in the staging area, only a certain amount of people and materials can be accommodated at a time, which slows the process at first.

Once the base structure is installed, the process should begin to shift into full gear before the snow falls. A system will be built into the construction project to allow the contractors to work through the unpredictable winter weather. Once the steel structure is up, a plastic barrier and roof will provide warmth and protection, which are important for efficient construction.

Most recently, crane and steel necessary for the development of the foundational wall was delivered down the construction road between KJ, Babbitt, and Milbank. Although this interferes with a pedestrian walkway, scaffolding was assembled to make students more comfortable walking in the area. Despite a few complaints when noise began at an unruly hour, Huggins is gracious for how accommodating students have been.

While the stage of deliveries and preliminary building may cause more inconveniences than normal, Huggins says that it is important to be patient. The construction process may be disruptive, especially to those who live on the dark side, but the planning committee is constantly working to prevent and resolve any issues students or faculty may have. Steve Bellona, Associate Vice President for Facilities and Planning, "appreciates everybody's patience".

Those who do not frequent the dark side and are interested in monitoring the construction on a daily basis can visit http://my.hamilton.edu/webcam/kj.html for the real-time view of the site via a web cam mounted in McEwen. The use of a camera, which originated during the building of the Science Center, was continued with the KJ project as an effective way to provide day-to-day progress and interaction.

Overall, the construction efforts on campus, although inconvenient for some, are valuable investments in the future of Hamilton College. Both Huggins and Bellona recognize the positive feedback from the community and notice that students realize that what is being built is for their use and enjoyment. The recently completed Science Center is proof that the hassles involved with the construction process will be worth it once the final product is complete.

Fallcoming Welcomes Alumni Back to HC

by Hali Baumstein '11
News Writer

Each year Hamilton hosts Fallcoming, a weekend during which hundreds of alumni return to the campus. This year, the tradition will take place from September 27 to September 30. The Fallcoming Planning Committee is excited about the jam-packed schedule for these four days. "Programming has come a long way since I graduated," said Dave Steadman '03, the Director of Young Alumni Relations.

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The 1967 football team will be recognized at half-time during the football game this Saturday.

Steadman expects upwards of 500 alumni to come visit the Hill during Fallcoming. "Fallcoming is an opportunity [for them] to catch up with friends, professors, and community members," he said. "There will be a busy vibe on campus."

Fallcoming will officially begin on Thursday evening, when the Class of 2008 will present their Senior Gift Campaign. Later that night, Rafael Campo, a poet and physician, will be doing a poetry reading.

Events will continue into Friday, when the 240 members of the Alumni Council will hold one of their two yearly meetings. The Board of Trustees will also meet to make decisions on campus issues. Other highlights on Friday include luncheons for current scholarship students, the Inaugural Multi-Cultural Reunion for alumni of color, and the traditional World-Class Jazz concert featuring a six-piece ensemble.

On Saturday, the day will begin with the James Joyce Symposium dedicated to English Professor Austin Briggs, who has been teaching at Hamilton for fifty years. Although Professor Briggs retired from working full-time in 2000, he continues to offer a seminar on James Joyce each fall. Another big event on Saturday will be Hamilton's football game against Wesleyan. During the game, the team of 1967, who had an impressive 6-1 record, will reunite to be recognized at halftime. The International Bazaar will also take place on Saturday afternoon.

Fallcoming will come to an end on Sunday with a farewell breakfast and an alumni soccer game. However, Fallcoming is not the last alumni event of the school year as alumni can participate in Volunteer Weekend in April and Reunion Weekend in June.

Overall, Steadman believes Fallcoming will be great this year, with many opportunities for both alumni and students to have fun. "There's something for everyone," he said, and added jokingly, "it will be a success, rain or no rain."

AHI Opens Down the Hill

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JRD Acquisitions LLC, which then purchased the Alexander Hamilton Inn for $690,000.

Yet the establishment process was not all smooth sailing. In early April Hamilton College took what Bradfield described as "the unprecedented action" of applying for a trademark for the Alexander Hamilton Center.

President Stewart explained, "We did this because we felt our faculty might eventually like to open the center. We thought it would be a prudent gesture."

The trademark application process, however, requires signing, under oath, a legal document that states that, to the best of the signatory's knowledge, no one else has come up with the same idea. "In doing so," said Bradfield, "[The College] plagiarized from our own charter."

In response to this accusation, President Stewart said, "We withdrew the trademark application." Professors Bradfield and Paquette offered further insight into the matter, explaining that at the time the Alexander Hamilton Institute had existed only in affiliation with Hamilton College, and the school was most likely trying to protect an idea that other institutions might be keen to capitalize on, although both felt the College's actions to be personally vindictive. Since the application was withdrawn, the issue resulted in little more than a slight change to the center's name.

The founders are now anxious to set their agenda in motion. However, the institute is still currently owned by JRD Acquisitions. A new corporation has been formed of individuals with a scholarly interest in the institute. Once this corporation has received federal tax-exempt status, it will purchase the institute from JRD, whose interest in the institute is solely financial. Until the purchase is made, financial donations to the institute are being held by a third party, who will turn these holdings over once the institute has legally changed hands.

The opening of the institute has also reawakened a previous point of concern: the institute's political stance. Bradfield has himself been quoted describing the institute as "conservative." However, the founders have been quick to clarify their meaning. "The institute should never use the verb 'should,'" explained Bradfield. "Although we will be studying issues of interest to conservatives, we will be a scholarly institute, not political."

Paquette elaborated, saying that he hopes the institute will judged on the "excellence of our scholarly products alone."

With their new location down the hill, and newfound autonomy, the founders expect little change to their original program plans. "We had a program that we presented to the powers that be. We outlined very clearly what these themes of the colloquia would be, and that's exactly what we're going to go ahead with, those same themes," said Paquette.

The founders already have a number of plans in the works, including a conference this spring on Gerrit Smith, a Hamilton Alumnus, United States social reformer, abolitionist, and unsuccessful presidential candidate. Paquette also mentioned the possibility of hosting student debates at the institute and eventually offering scholarship and award opportunities.

The founders are keen to collaborate with scholars and institutions both close to home and across the nation, including Colgate, Utica College, and Union College, to name a few.

Considering the controversy that surrounded the center last year, the reaction on campus this week has been mild.

"I don't know if it's me…or the scientists [in general], but I'm not hearing about it much," said Associate Dean of Faculty Patrick Reynolds. Reynolds is also a biology professor.

Most other faculty echoed his words, saying that they did not know much about the recent developments but that they wished the institute well.

"I am like my colleagues and really don't know anything much about it," said Prof. Garrett, professor of biology and Director of the Diversity and Social Justice Project. "I just wish them well and hope they can achieve their goals, especially that of including students from wide range of local schools and colleges."

Dean Reynolds cited the institute's lack of connection to the college as the reason it has not been a hot topic of discussion.

"[Now] it's largely an independent project. Lots of Hamilton faculty have projects outside the college," he said. "Even though it had history [at Hamilton], now it's not connected."

Most of the faculty who had problems with the center took issue with its governance, claimed Reynolds. Because that is not a concern anymore, the faculty has no reason to react to the center, he added.

"I think that the recently announced arrangement will most likely provide the sponsors with the degree of autonomy they desired. It appears to be a good outcome, and I wish them well," said Prof. Pellman.

Indeed, this was the sentiment voiced by most parties. Furthermore, Ambrose, Paquette and Bradfield expressed no reservations about the possibility of working with Hamilton College in the future.

Similarly, President Stewart said, "We are very interested to see how the center develops. We're interested in seeing the intellectual life of this community and this area be as vibrant as it possibly can."

It would seem that the disagreements and controversy of last year died with the Alexander Hamilton Center, yet the scholastic opportunities it hoped to offer are reborn in the Alexander Hamilton Institute, and although it isn't on the Hamilton Campus, students will not have to travel far in the future to take advantage of everything the institute has to offer. For more information on the AHI, please visit www.theahi.org.

Hamilton Board of Trustees Looks Forward to Quarterly Meeting During Fallcoming Weekend

by Alicia Wright '10
News Writer

The Hamilton College Board of Trustees, which meets four times a year, acts as the central governing body of the college by deciding the actions and projects of the campus. The board's first meeting of the school year is held during Fallcoming weekend, this year on September 28-29. The trustees then meet in New York City on the first weekend of December, on campus during the first weekend of March, and lastly, in June during Alumni Reunion Weekend on the Hill.

During the Alumni Reunion Weekend that took place over the summer, the Board of Trustees met and voted on several changes to the campus. It approved the reelection of several Charter Trustees: Henry Bedford '76, Stuart Scott '61, and Barrett Seaman '67.

In terms of campus buildings and structures, the board voted for mechanical changes to the water equipment systems and the replacement of fire alarms in several Kirkland campus dorms, namely Keehn and Root resident halls. Also, the trustees approved exterior work on C.A. Johnson Hall and authorized the design work on the arts project.

One of the most exciting moves by the board was the go-ahead on the installation of a campus card system. The board also approved emergency responsiveness planning, which was introduced to Hamilton students later in the summer with updates to contact information and an escape route in case of a pandemic situation of avian flu. Other topics that were discussed in committees were information on student housing, admissions and financial aid.

According to Executive Assistant to the President and Secretary to the Board of Trustees Meredith Bonham, the Board of Trustees has several pressing topics to discuss during this year's Fallcoming weekend. It plans to hear from the Planning Committee about the new strategic plan for the college, created after the end of the last plan in 2002. Also on the agenda is the reviewing of the final statistics of the class of 2011 and information on the opening of the school for the 2007-2008 year. Updates on campus facility projects will be presented, a major portion will regard the KJ Building construction.

Also, this year, a new batch of students has been appointed to the Board of Trustees to work as student representatives to the committees. Chosen from organizations, namely Student Assembly, these students serve on committees of the board related to their positions in Student Assembly and other organizations. Student Assembly President Stuart Lombardi '09 and Vice President Ryan Messier '08 will serve on committees with Treasurer Nick Rockwell '08, the president of each class, and several other Student Assembly members.

Wenxi Li '10, a member of Student Assembly appointed by Lombardi and Messier to the Instruction and Admission committees, looks forward to serving with the trustees this year. "Serving on the Board of Trustees is a great opportunity for students to get involved in campus decision-making," says Li. With eager students ready to cooperate with the board, the Board of Trustees should have a productive year ahead.

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The Spectator Welcomes The Alexander Hamilton Institute

The editorial board of the staff comprises a cross-section of academic interests and political persuasions. Nevertheless, we were all disappointed when the administration, which so loudly extolled the virtues of academic freedom during the Ward Churchill affair, rejected the tremendous opportunities presented by the proposed Alexander Hamilton Center.

Fortunately, and thanks to the persistence of the Center's founders, all was not lost and the project has been resurrected as an independent effort just down the Hill. The center, revived as the Alexander Hamilton Institute, has affiliated with preeminent intellectuals, has raised significant funding and is poised to offer Hamilton students (and others) phenomenal opportunities for research, lectures and internships.

Naturally, we applaud any expansion of opportunity for Hamilton students and in this case doing so requires giving due praise to the Institute's founders, Professors Paquette, Bradfield, and Ambrose. Not only did the establishment of the institute necessitate an extensive time commitment on their part; it also displayed particular intellectual courage in an academic world that sometimes seems to show prejudice against scholarship on topics from certain perspectives.

We hope and expect the Institute will fulfill the founders' promises by producing first-rate scholarship. If it does, we hope the College will recognize the Institute's potential to broaden the horizons of Hamilton students and will reconsider issues of affiliation.

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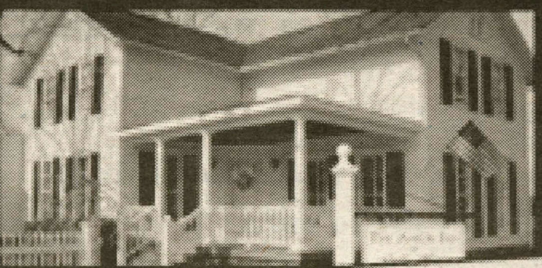

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Campus Waste and Hamilton Appetites

by Laura Wright '10
Insights & Ideas writer

Think of Commons at lunchtime. We all conjure up pretty much the same vision in our minds: a table full of basketball players, sprawled out over their chairs, scarfing down pizza and soda; a group of freshman girls, their table an island of safety in the ocean of students dashing this way and that; two disenchanted seniors, flaunting their confidence by eating in small numbers. Chances are you don't think of those tripped out kids eating granola and the strange and mystifying contents of the vegan fridge, because clearly they're at McEwen. But everybody knows what I'm talking about when I note the overflowing trash cans in Commons at lunchtime. It's a cesspit of food waste, nauseating concoction of half eaten burgers, banana peels, tomato soup and hundreds of napkins. The average student approaches it warily and deposits their own waste quickly. Who could stand to stare at the sheer volume and nature of the waste for any longer? It is just something that we as students choose, and are lucky enough, not to have to deal with.

But our custodial staff does. Every day, they lug almost half of our campus waste out of the dining halls to be transported up to the physical plant on Griffin Road. Restoring our dining halls to a pristine nature every night, the staff and their labors gol unseen and, too often, ignored. The management at Bon Appétit tries hard to fulfill our needs as a campus population, taking our suggestions and criticisms to heart, whether we are asking for better-marinated tofu on the salad bar or the downplay of Utica Greens on the menu. Every day, they do their best to ensure that we have the food we want, to provide us the nutrition we need, while still giving us that fantastic luxury: choice.

Yet given the amount of food waste generated on this campus, perhaps we ought to evaluate the food choices we make every day. We all know how it goes in Commons - you try the main offering (you don't really like it all that much), try the soup (it's too brothy) and you wind up grabbing a slice of pizza and throwing the rest of the food out. Or you go in feeling particularly ravenous, fill your tray up with all manner of delectable goodies, only to find that maybe you didn't really need that third slice of pizza and the bowl of cereal.

So, who are the worst offenders? Well, I hate to say it, but it's true that freshmen are some of the biggest food wasters on campus. Bon Appétit goes through the most food during the first few weeks of the school year. Why? Because, excited by the prospect of seemingly unlimited choices (and, perhaps, the lack of Mom's meatloaf), frosh are tempted by the myriad of munchies available to taste every night. With little work and few other socializing opportunities, freshmen are meticulous at attending every meal and often linger for an hour, surrounded by their horde of new buds. I do not mean to fault our first year friends - we all remember that new and novel experience - but, too often, socializing in the dining halls means filling plate after plate with pasta or peanut butter, then discarding the majority of it into the waste.

PHOTO BY SARAH GOODELL '11

Nearly full plates of food destined for the trash at Commons.

So, I offer this advice to our overzealous friends: if you've just eaten chocolate cake but still want to try that new flavor of ice cream, it's still going to be there tomorrow. Bon Appétit wants us to eat to our heart's content, but taking a whole dish of cookie dough ice cream, when you only want a scoop, is too often the cause of our waste.

And to our older students? I would remind you that you've got at least a year of dining hall food under your belt and you know what you do or don't like - take what you know you are going to eat and don't be afraid to go up for more if you're hungry! Nobody's going to judgek you for taking more, especially with the constant gaggle around the ice cream freezer.

For their part, Bon Appétit is doing their best to help reduce waste, by planning to introduce a sampling system for foods and "no tray day" to encourage students to take only what they need. Leftover food is collected by students and taken down to a local food shelter in Utica. However, we should still do our best not to take more than we can eat, because it's hurting our campus overall: it keeps Bon Appétit's costs high (and therefore our meal plan's), it costs our Physical Plant a whole lot of money in dealing with the waste, and it increases our campus' environmental impact, something which the administration has been doing its best to lessen. So next time you head into Commons, try taking one plate of food at a time, because you never know who you might

Thumbs up

Andrew Jillings: You can take my kayak for a ride.

Playing the professor version of "Who would you do?": Congratulations Doug Ambrose and Yvonne Zylan.

Babbitt Oregon Trail party: Sexy, hostile Indians plus full rations of Keystone equals me dying of dysentery all over my floor.

Setting hobo fires in the Pavilion. Yep, that was fking awesome.**

by Stephen Allinger '09 & Sarah Cornblath '08

Thumbs down

Brah-love: If you keep grabbing each other's nipples, we're going to keep calling you gay.

Being a frat mattress after the first month of school: Just so you know, STD's aren't what you want to bring home for fall break.

The 9th circle of Hell is reserved for traitors and people who ask for two orders of sushi.

Drunkenly falling at the diner: It's official, I've won at life.

Web-cams on campus: Way to be super sketchy Res Life.

Who Cares?

Know this, fire-safety Nazi: I will burn Hamilton to the ground before I give up my precious, precious extension cords.

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***The Daily Bull*: Reminding everyone to recycle.**

Appearing on the Hamilton website: Congratulations! You're still not better than anyone, and now everyone wants to kill you!

Choosing your Candidate: The Internet's Effect

by Eric Kuhn '09
Editor-At-Large

Wanting to find out more about different candidates, I pulled out of my hat the name Mike Huckabee. While I had known something to begin with about Obama, Huckabee's issues were beyond me. I guess I must have caught Mike on his birthday, because the first thing that appeared on his site was an invitation for me to wish the Governor a very happy birthday. Love him or hate him, why in the world would I want to do that? His site is much simpler than Obama's. MikeHuckabee.com looks like a kid still in college made it. Not impressed, I headed over to JohnEdwards.com (who, moments after Alberto Gonzales resigned, offered the option to write the outgoing Attorney General "your very special goodbye note").

Edwards has a very clean looking site. Unlike Obama's, which looks like it came out of a blender, JohnEdwards.com is stream-lined and soothing to the eye. After all, Joe Trippi, the father of new media politicking (who brought Howard Dean to stardom via the Internet), is one of Edward's advisors. I will call the site "mom-and-dad-friendly" (accessible and easy to use for everyone).

Mack Mariani, an assistant professor of political science at Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio and a local elections expert, said, "At the state and local level, the most frequent visitors to a candidate's web site [are] the opposition." But for JohnEdwards.com, the Hillary Clinton campaign might stop by a lot because their candidate's Google Alert brings them there. A search within the site gives me 178 "Clinton" mentions (Obama brings up 78 hits), as of August 28.

Of course, Edwards has used his site to solicit donations by invoking the name of Ann Coulter. To Professor Mariani, Coulter-bashing energizes activists and loyal Edwards' supporters, but might not be the best thing for the political process. "The problem is that it has a tendency to pull candidates away from the center because they have to continually find ways to mobilize. You see a whole lot of feigned outrage on the part of candidates, calls for resignations and other hard line statements designed to speak to potential donors," Mariani said. Confrontations, such as Edwards vs. Coulter, "generate a lot of heat that is likely to be well received by his potential donor base. But we have to ask ourselves whether this type of activity is really a good thing in terms of informing the public about who John Edwards is and why he should be president."

Mariani told me that Edwards is far from being the only one using these tactics. Which brings us to Fred Thompson, who released a video clip attacking liberal filmmaker Michael Moore. So, off I went to Fred08.com. When I visited, the former Republican Senator from Tennessee had not officially declared yet, but no one would know that by looking at his site (basically the exact same site after he decided to run). Yes, the site looked just like the other guys. But, what I noticed first was that while Obama's site has links to Facebook and MySpace that literally read "Facebook" and "MySpace," Thompson's home page just has the popular social network site's logos, as if to say, "If you don't know what the emblem looks like, take a hike."

> **By the time a newspaper is done printing..., a candidate's small mistake could be caught by a small cell phone, changing the entire game.**

Thompson's site does not break down his issues like Obama's. He did have a tab called "Principles" – a long (awfully long in web terms) essay called "Federalism." See, you can create much more buzz by posting a blog entry titled "A New York State of Mind," which throws punches at "opponent" Rudy Giuliani's gun policy. As with the Moore bashing video, most people did not find out about it via Thompson's web site, but through the more mainstream media. *The New York Times*, The Hill and NBC's "First Read" all wrote about the Giuliani bashing.

In a crowded field of candidates, sometimes the smallest things to distinguish yourself can get you, if not a vote or two, some press.

A Washington, D.C. paper ran a small clip about how Obama's site added new merchandise in their must read "Yeas and Nays" column.

"Nowadays, you can never tell what can make or break a presidential campaign," said Patrick W. Gavin, a columnist for the Washington Examiner. "Will campaign clothes do the trick? I doubt it, but I have a feeling that Obama's got better gear than, say, Tom Tancredo, so at least he's got that going for him."

So while Chris Dodd's site might distinguish itself with a streaming "breaking news" ticker, a la CNN, or Bill Richardson might add too many icons and colors, or John McCain might promote his new book, *Hard Call*, on the front of his website, the real player in this Internet phenomenon might be you. "The tsunami of voter generated content is going to affect this election cycle," Rasiej predicted. "Citizens producing video and using tools to distribute it make the Swift Vote Vets look like a cake walk." He pointed to the recent "Gays for Giuliani" YouTube clip – a tongue-in-cheek video meant to undermine the Giuliani candidacy, since the candidate himself is trying to portray a different message. "What's happening on the Internet itself is separate from the campaign. It does not mean that the campaigns should abandon their own sites; it just means whoever learns how to work in concert with the ecology of the Internet will be more likely to succeed."

With all the noise out there, what do you actually learn about these candidates? Could it be that my grandmother, who gets ink on her hands reading newspapers, knows more about our potential next president than my peers who are Facebook friends with these politicians? I guess the basic idea is to never judge the candidates by their web sites.

My whirlwind tour of the 2008 presidential candidate web sites was complete and I was slightly exhausted. But I guess if you really want to stay on top of this election cycle, get ready for a marathon. The 2008 race for the presidency is the first of its kind when it comes to media, because no longer is the *New York Times* "all the news that's fit to print," nor is the 6:30 news "the way it is." By the time a newspaper is done printing and is thrown on my front step, a candidate's small mistake could be caught by a small cell phone, quickly changing the entire game. It is a game in which the rules are ever changing, where old media is put into the same blender as new, reliable Internet sites are mixed with fake ones, and everyone has a voice. Podcasts and YouTube and MySpace, oh my! It makes the search for truth far from easy; I suppose some things never change.

Overheard at Hamilton

"I can't do that, my mom already thinks I'm gay."
- Male in Milbank

"Plato did *not* say that, bro."
- Sophomore in KJ

"The egg's got a lot to say."
- Biology professor giving lecture on embryos

Male in Commons: "She's got a mustache!"
Friend: "So?"

Compiled by Sally Senior '08. Overhear any interesting quotes? Email phodgens@hamilton.edu to get them in.

Open Letter on Lockheed Martin

by Matt Gordon '09 and Chris Sullivan '09

We represent a collection of concerned student groups writing to question the ethical validity of the upcoming "Professional Ethics Workshop," an event which is scheduled for September 29, in conjunction with Alumni Weekend. This event is organized by the Diversity and Accessibility Committee, and will be hosted by a representative from the corporation Lockheed Martin. All Lockheed Martin employees are required to complete an identical workshop, in an aim to "promote a positive, inclusive, and ethical work environment through learning experiences that enable our employees to become active participants in shaping our culture" (Leaders Guide). For us, Hamilton students, this workshop is intended to provide exposure to real life circumstances we may encounter in a professional environment.

There is no problem with the objective of the upcoming workshop; in fact, it is commendable that the Diversity and Accessibility Committee has identified the value of a discussion on ethics and taken the time and effort to organize this event. The problem, as we see it, is the fact that Lockheed Martin is the host of the workshop. To understand the hypocrisy involved in their hosting of this workshop, it is essential to understand the business practices and marketplace ethics which Lockheed Martin is well known for. Lockheed Martin is involved in the fields of "aeronautics, electric systems, information systems and global services, and space systems" (At a Glance). They are the 47th largest industrial corporation, employing 140,000 employees in the United States and 56 other nations or territories (At a Glance). Primarily, Lockheed Martin is an arms exporting and defense contracting goliath working for the U.S. Department of Defense; in 2006, 84 percent of net sales were

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"Meth Mondays at Commons."

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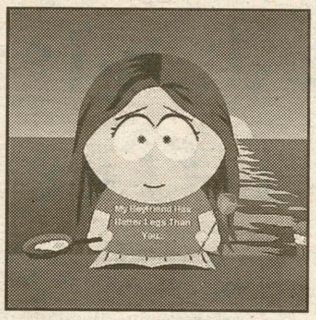

"A rock swing in every dorm."

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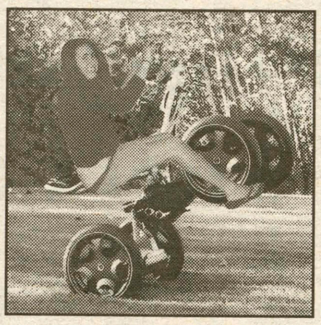


"Golden segways."

Erin Hoener '10

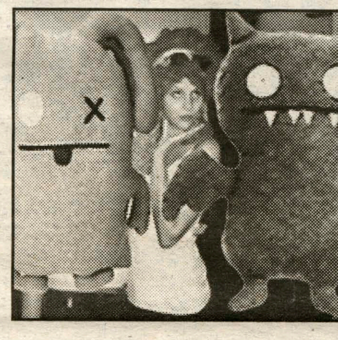
Hamilton Unscripted

This week's question:

Every year first-year candidates propose more outlandish things.

If you were running, what would you promise?

by Melissa Balding '09



"A joint in everyone's mouth, a 40 in everyone's hands and a golden steed between everyone's legs."

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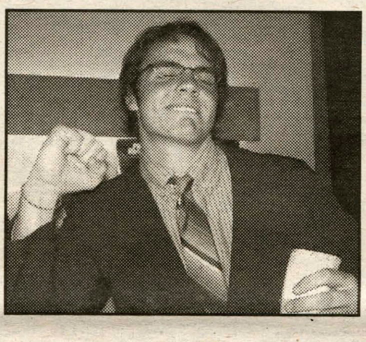

"Making Capoeira punishable by death."

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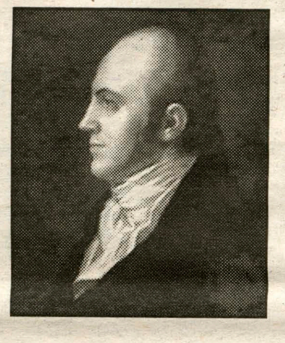

"An Aaron Burr Institute."

Aaron Burr

Don't Support Lockheed and its "Ethics"

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made to the U.S. government, with total defense revenue amounting to $36.09 billion dollars (2006 Annual Report, "Defense News Top 100").

While we question whether any defense contractor and weapons producer's actions can truthfully be considered ethical, The ethics of Lockheed Martin are highly questionable, given the history of their involvement and influence in U.S. government affairs. E.C. Aldridge, Jr., a former U.S. Under Secretary of Defense, granted Lockheed Martin a contract valued at $200 billion for the construction of the F-35 stealth fighter jet in 2001 (Center for Corporate Policy). Aldridge remained in the public sphere until May of 2003, when he "retired," only to begin working on the Lockheed Martin Board of Directors one month later, where he has remained since (Lockheed Martin Biography). Gordon England, the current Deputy Secretary of Defense previously worked for the firm, as did Norman Y. Mineta, who served as a vice president of Lockheed Martin, and later under former President Clinton as U.S. Secretary of Commerce and more recently under President Bush as the U.S. Secretary of Transportation from 2001-2006 (U.S. Govt biographies).

The ethical dilemmas facing individuals working for the U.S. government and profiting from a U.S. government contracts are obvious. There is an enormous conflict of interest which exists for all individuals who straddle the public – private divide, and the quest for profits frequently leads to unethical actions on both sides of the divide.

Additionally, Lockheed Martin has secured their "fair share" of U.S. defense contracts through enormous political contributions. In the 2006 election cycle (January 2005-December 2006), federal contributions to Democratic and Republican candidates totaled over $2.1 million dollars, a number on par with average contributions over the past decade (Center for Responsive Politics). Lockheed Martin epitomizes the rampant corruption of our current military industrial complex. Amazingly, Lockheed Martin's actions may even be considered unethical by the U.S. government itself. In 2000, the firm agreed to pay a total of $13 million dollars to settle 30 violations of the arms export act, in part for selling secret satellite technology to China (BBC). Expectedly, Lockheed Martin "neither admitted nor denied" the violations, however their compliance in paying the fines highly suggests their guilt in the matter.

Let us return to the discussion of the "Professional Ethics Workshop." It comes as no surprise that Lockheed Martin, with its reputation for unethical transactions, would support a strong public relations campaign to show their commitment to "do what's right, respect others, and perform with excellence" (Leader's Guide). Hence the mandatory participation of all employees in an ethics workshop. Hence the traveling ethics facilitator, hosting ethics workshops at U.S. universities for the incredible cost of $0. And while this ethics facilitator may be trained in morally responsible behavior in the workplace, the actions of their employer make them an inappropriate party to represent the topic of workplace ethics. It is impossible to separate your personal ethics from the ethics of your employer. If you live an abidingly ethical life, yet work for a corporation whose actions are unethical, you are unfortunately contributing to the unethical actions.

We feel it is entirely inappropriate and unacceptable for the students of Hamilton College, represented through the actions of a Student Assembly committee, to unquestioningly welcome the overwhelmingly unethical corporation that is Lockheed Martin. We, as students, should demand our ethical values are taught by respectable individuals and respectable institutions. We commend the creation of an ethics workshop, and do not doubt the information presented in the workshop will be of value to Hamilton students. Regardless of this value, it is essential that the actions and history of Lockheed Martin are brought into consideration in relation to the discussion of ethics in the workplace. We feel this may be best facilitated by a panel of faculty, staff, students, administrators, and alumni. Should the workshop continue as planned, however, we urge students to respectfully attend and raise questions on the issues of ethics discussed in this letter. Only through conscious thought and action can we develop our moral compasses to guide us responsibly for the rest of our lives.

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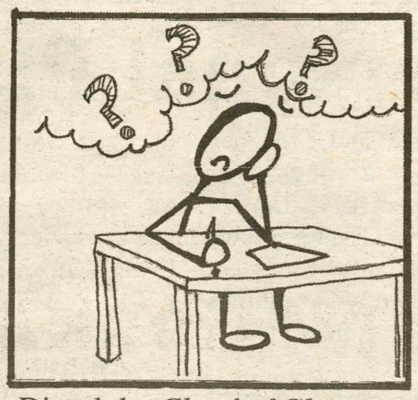

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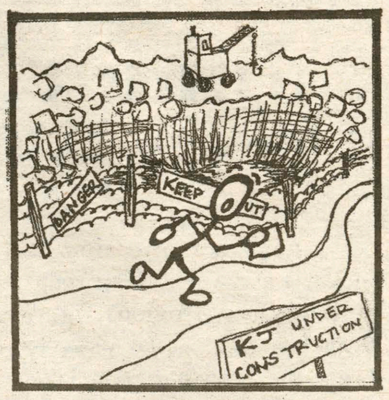

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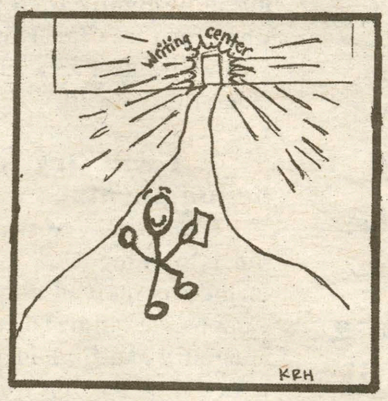

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Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur at Hamilton

by Emily Gerston '11
Features Writer

Hamilton College Hillel helped celebrate a sweet new year last week with dinners and services for Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New year. "We had a series of meals and services on campus," explained Rabbi David Levy, Jewish chaplain, adding that there will be services today and tomorrow for Yom Kippur, the Jewish Day of Atonement.

"In Hebrew, Rosh Hashanah means 'First of the year,' explained Alana Pudalov '08, president of Hamilton College Hillel. "Similarly to how Americans use the New Year, the Jewish New Year is a time to reflect on the past year and think about positive changes that can be made."

To help celebrate the New Year, Hillel sponsored two Rosh Hashanah dinners in the Azel Backus house, one on Sept. 12 and another on Sept. 13. Because Jewish holidays follow the lunar calendar, they go from sunset of one day to sunrise the next day. "We served apples with honey at all of the meals during the holidays to symbolize a sweet new year" as a Rosh Hashanah tradition, said Levy.

In addition to serving dinner on Rosh Hashanah, there was also a Tashlich service on the afternoon of Sept. 13 following morning services. "People symbolically cast away their sins by throwing bread into the water," described Levy.

A rabbinical student, Jesse Olitzky, led the Rosh Hashanah service and the Tashlich service because Levy is also the Jewish Chaplain at Colgate University. "The laws of physics say I can't be both places at once," joked Levy, "so we have a student rabbi come lead services."

Many Jewish students at Hamilton would not be able to attend Rosh Hashanah services if it weren't for Hamilton College Hillel. "The general sense is we provide an opportunity for the Jewish community to celebrate together and help the community feel at home away from home," said Levy.

"Attending the dinner and services are a way to feel connected to other Jewish students on campus," said Pudalov. "Lots of students along the spectrum of Judaism (reform, conservative, etc.) attend the services so everyone feels comfortable and can contribute. It's a great chance to celebrate the holiday and meet new people."

Hamilton College Hillel will also hold Yom Kippur services today and tomorrow. "Yom Kippur is the Jewish holiday of the Day of Atonement," explained Pudalov. "The theme is repentance and sorrow for our sins. The day is commemorated with prayer and a 24 hour fast."

A Kol Nidre service, held on the evening of Yom Kippur, will take place at 6:15 p.m. in the Dwight Lounge at Bristol. Tomorrow morning, Yom Kippur services will be held at 10 a.m. in the Dwight Lounge, and Neilah services, held at the end of Yom Kippur, will be held from 6 p.m. until 7:45 p.m., also in the Dwight Lounge, followed by a break-fast at the Azel Backus house.

"All these hungry students who are fasting for Yom Kippur will head to Azel Backus house to have bagels to break the fast," said Levy.

"I think the Jewish New Year is a great way for the Jewish community to start the year together," continued Levy, "and I hope that everyone on campus will be on the lookout for the great programs we're planning."

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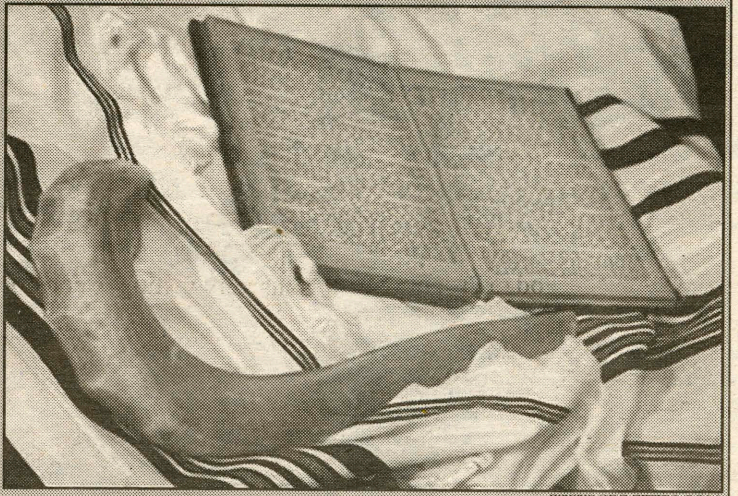
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Jewish students celebrate two holidays in the month of September.

Junior's Personal Pledges for Repentance

By Jenna Fain '09
Features Writer

I have a confession to make. Last week, I ate pepperoni twice. Atrocious, right? Somehow it seemed okay to break the Jewish dietary laws because Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur were right around the corner.

The arrival of the Jewish New Year is a joyous time, but then ten days following there is Yom Kippur: the day of repentance. Jews are encouraged to spend the time between the two holidays reflecting upon the negative things that he or she has done, and then beg for atonement through fasting and prayer. It is a time to make amends. Granted I have not been too sinful this year, there are definitely some things that, as a Hamilton student, I can improve.

Although my serious spiritual side will not be poured out onto paper, these are some of my more lighthearted resolutions for this year. Hopefully you will take them into consideration as well.

"I hope to step out of my comfort zone and try new, daunting things. I will jump onto the elliptical instead of the treadmill."

1. I will (try to) not be judgmental.

It is so easy to stick people into categories because of their perceived cliques on campus. Next time I meet a guy at a party and find out that he is in Psi U, I will try to make a new friend rather than immediately sticking him into the category of 25-year-old Canadian with no teeth. "Go Hamilton Hockey!"

2. I will (try to) be more involved on campus.

I hope to step out of my comfort zone and try new, daunting things. I will jump onto the elliptical instead of the treadmill. I will attend Hamilton football games. I might even venture over to the Dark Side! Instead of watching an Audrey Hepburn movie on a Friday afternoon, I will trek up to the science center and listen to a lecture on Cellular Respiration. This is all in the quest to become a well-rounded, worldlier gal.

3. I will (try to) go out on Thursday nights.

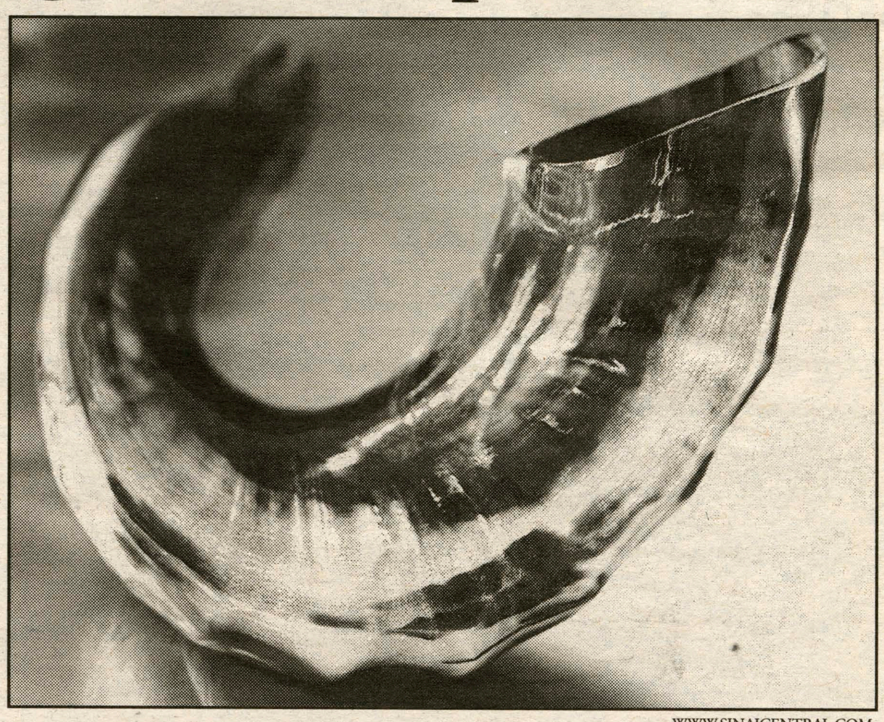
For some miraculous reason, God has me in his good graces and did not give me any classes on either Thursdays or Fridays. There is no excuse anymore to lie in my plush bed and isolate myself with Facebook and Annie's Mac & Cheese, or to (God forbid), read for pleasure. I will get out and live! Hopefully, I will wake up in my own bed the next morning, without a headache.

4. I will (try to) not bitch, piss, or moan incessantly.

I will replace each negative with a positive. "The walk from Wally J is annoying... Wait, I can grab the new Vanity Fair from Bristol. "The horrendous new Italian dressing in Commons is homemade with love." I will not whine loudly when my hair is ruined from the rain; I will break out my adorable boots and invest in an umbrella. Repeat to self: rain is good for the Earth.

5. I will (try to) not take luxuries for granted.

I will no longer steal the Sunday Styles section from the New York Times in Commons. The distributor reprimanded me for doing so in the mail-center today, and he was absolutely right.. From now on I will make sure to pilfer the entire New York Times after brunch.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The shofar is a Jewish musical instrument connected with the Jewish holidays Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Ramadan at Hamilton

By Abdelwahab Abdelghany '10
Features Writer

Muslims around the world are currently celebrating the holy month of Ramadan. Ramadan is special time for Muslims because this is the month in which the Holy Quran was revealed by god to Prophet Mohamed (peace and blessings be upon him). Muslims celebrate this month by fasting from dawn to sunset everyday.

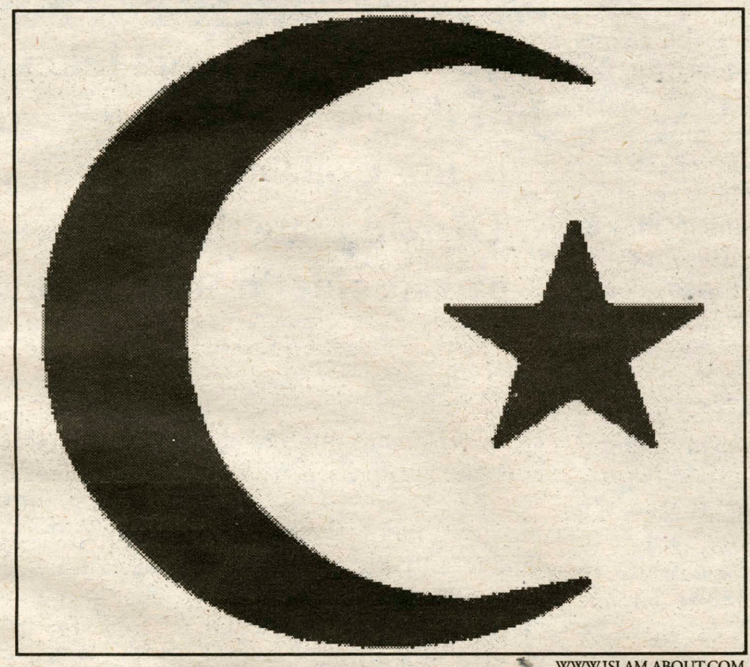
Fasting requires every Muslim to refrain from eating, drinking, and smoking during daylight hours. If you are married, you also have to refrain from having intercourse. A fasting person is expected not to get angry easily, refrain from using harsh language or insults and to tolerate, forgive and respect others.

Fasting during the Holy Month of Ramadan is one of the five pillars in Islam, making it an obligation for every Muslim except those who have valid excuses, such as the sick, travelers, pregnant and breastfeeding women, the very old and those who are forced to break their fast against their will.

There are a couple of reasons why fasting is considered to be so important in Islam. Fasting allows individuals to build self-control and will power, teaching Muslims to resist temptations, like gluttony, drug use, and any other harmful behavior.

Another reason why Muslims fast is because it helps them to feel compassion for those who are less fortunate, as well as allowing them to develop a great sense of humility, spirituality and community. Ramadan is very often referred to as the month of generosity because giving to the poor and needy is especially emphasized.

The Muslim Student Association (MSA) here at Hamilton College is holding a fast-a-thon on October 3, in which it encourages all students in the Hamilton community to fast for the day, in order to truly understand the spiritual experience behind fasting. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the MSA via e-mail at aabdelgh@hamilton.edu or MSA@hamilton.edu.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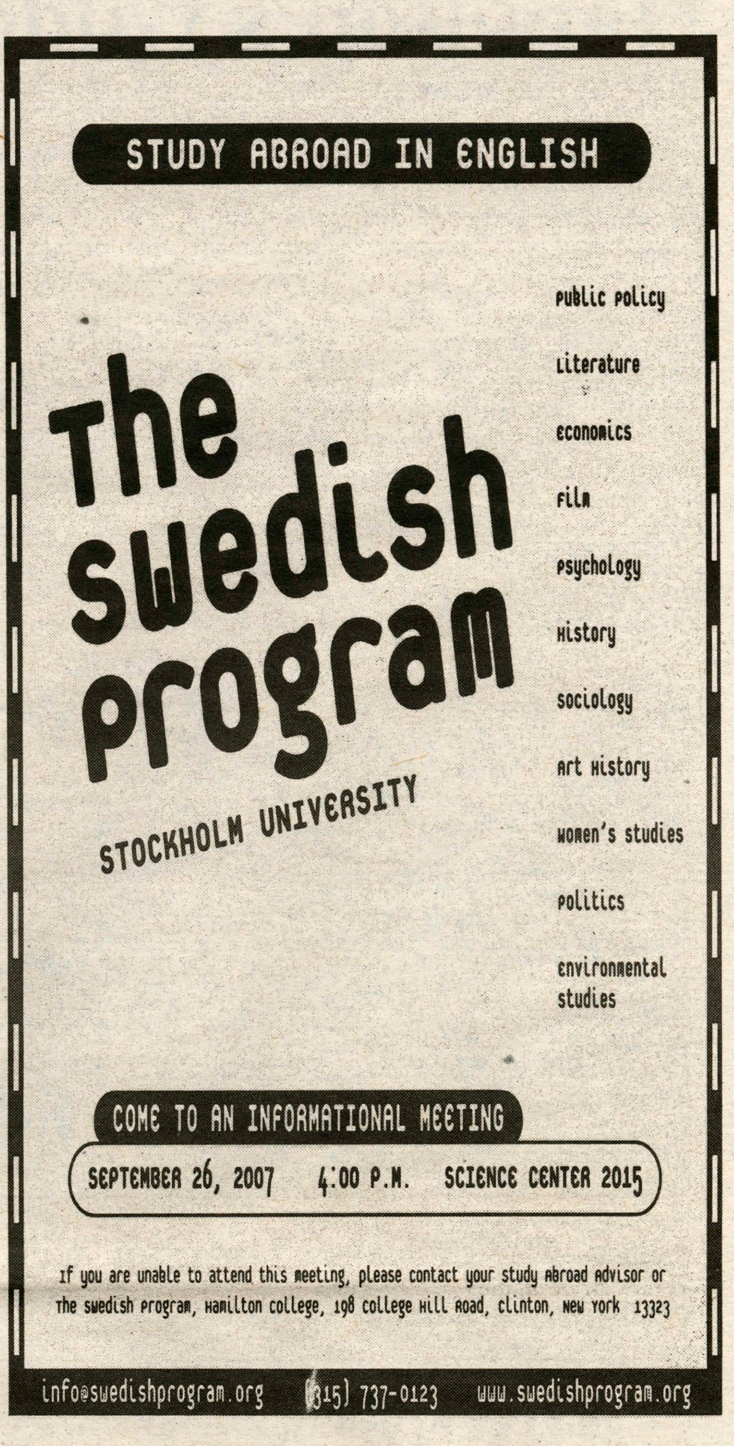
The crescent moon and star is an internationally recognized symbol of the Islamic faith.



Lotions and Potions: Relationship Deal Breakers

By Elizabeth Kosar '10
Beauty Columnist

There is a saying that love is blind. But if love were truly blind Carrot Top wouldn't be single. At the end of the day, personality matters the most. That's why 80-year-olds are still together even after things have gone saggy. However,

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as already stated, looks can seal the deal or keep the game going. One junior girl noted, "I have to be pretty so people forget what a bad person I am." So suit up and try some of these beauty related tips. You might just get a Diner date.

Girls:

"If you have really short hair, you better be as hot as Posh Spice."

Here's a generalization. Long hair is preferred by dudes. It also tends to be more flattering. But Clinton water is very soft, so for shiny luscious hair try a clarifying shampoo like Aveda Detoxifier or Bumble & Bumble Sunday shampoo. Follow with the deep conditioner of your choice.

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"When you wear fruit-flavored lip gloss, it makes me want to have a snack, not kiss you."

So apparently the whole flavored lip-stuff thing is bad. Then two thumbs up for Blistex Complete Moisture Lip Balm which doesn't taste like anything, and makes your lips super soft to boot.

"ORANGE, ORANGE."

I've said it before, and I'll say it again: fake tans are bad. And I guess they're scary too; since this individual was positively hyperventilating.

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Dudes:

"Tweezers. Enough Said."

Man-maintenance is important. Avoid the Bert (as in Bert & Ernie) by tweezing a unibrow.

"Shower."

It consistently shocks me how many people (and yes this includes girls) think showering is not that important.

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"Oh my God when a guy has nice hands, it's just like...whoa."

So guys, I guess hands matter. Think of all the things you do with them. So try a non-scented hand cream like Vaseline Intensive Rescue Healing Hand Cream.

Though love isn't blind, there is always something you can do to up your value on the meat market. Try these tips and hopefully you'll never leave the Annex alone again.

Hamilton's Gilded Bikes: The Golden Rules

THE GOLDEN RULES
-or-
Seven points on how to avoid Aristotle's two-wheeled tragedy of the commons

ONE. The cycles are Hamilton College property. Any destruction of the bikes will be punished with the 6-10 points assigned to vandalism. Bummer. Don't do it.

TWO. The blonde beauties are valiant but old. Please don't try to catch sick air off the science center steps, ride them down the hill into town, or toss them on the ground. Stick to the paths. Care for them. Put down the kick-stand, or if it doesn't have one please lean it against something.

THREE. Do NOT take them off campus. For one thing they won't make it down the hill. You will almost certainly die if you try. Also, if you live at 3, or Bundy, or somewhere else far away, please try not to ride one home every night and just hoard the entire fleet at your step. Try to bring them back up the hill for others to use.

FOUR. Be careful when riding them. You are sharing paths with those not graced by flaxen steel between their legs. The un-mounted pedestrians are less cool than you, but don't take out your professor on the way to class. You'll notice they don't come with helmets, so ride like your grandmother would.

FIVE. If it's broke, don't ride it. If something seems flagrantly wrong with the bike, like a flat tire, a squirrel caught in the spokes, really crooked handlebars, just wheel it somewhere conspicuous, turn it upside down, and we will come around and get it. (So that also means don't ride upside down bikes. though that would be impressive.) If you are feeling very much like a good Samaritan, the bike shop is behind the Glen House, and you can roll the busted bike there. If you happen to spot a wounded Dorado in a ditch somewhere, please email me.

SIX. Not all ochroid bikes are yours. Just the very golden ones with Hamilton College written on them. Discriminate the mellower yellow private rides from genuine aureate velocipedes.

SEVEN. Finally, The Gilded Bicycles are not perfect, but they certainly have personalities. So try to enjoy the rhythm of the rattling fender and the soprano of the squeaky chain. Many of the bikes are older than we are and probably have a great deal to say. If you listen closely, maybe they will impart some knowledge. Also, If you can't ride a bike, email cpalanza. He'll teach you. It's pretty easy. And its really a wonderful thing.

Here's the idea- you see a golden bike, you ride it somewhere on campus, then you leave it there. Someone else can then ride it wherever on campus they please. We encourage you to use them. They are free community bikes that are used and loved by you and me.

Have an old steed you want to donate? Make it immortal and gild it.
Any questions? Want to help maintain these righteous rides? email Charlie at cpalanza@hamilton.edu

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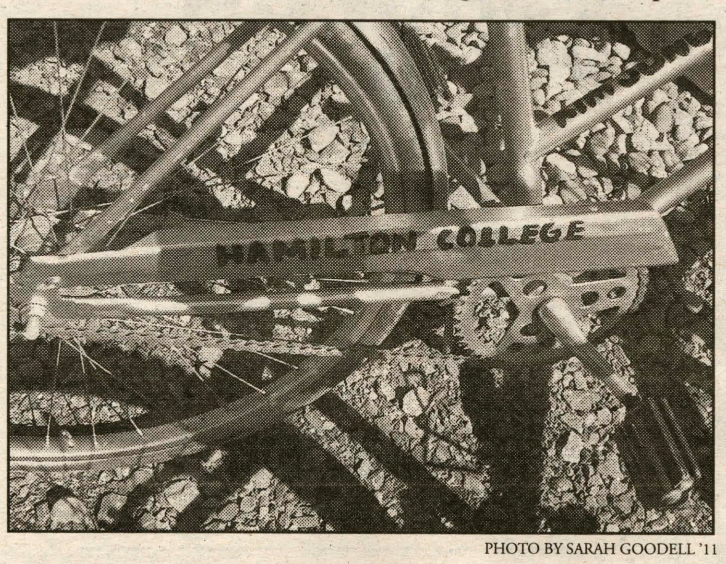

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Online Shopping: Street Style All Over The World

By Fenglin Zhao '10
Features Writer

One of the most rewarding aspects of writing this column is that I am often pleasantly surprised by who is reading it and the variety of opinions they have on items I recommended. For example, my dear friend Baaron came up to me the other day, complaining that my column did not speak to the male population at Hamilton at all. " I would never spend my 300 dollars like that" he said, "Besides, I don't have a piece of Tiffany in my jewelry box let alone buying a Juicy necklace."

Let's take a look at how other men dress outside of Clinton, New York.

With embarrassment I confess that I did pay too little attention to a sea of polo shirts and Abercrombie stripes shirts. However, it doesn't mean that I don't care about what men wear. It's said that women dress their men. I too appreciate some styles more than others. Let's take a look at how other men dress outside of Clinton, New York.

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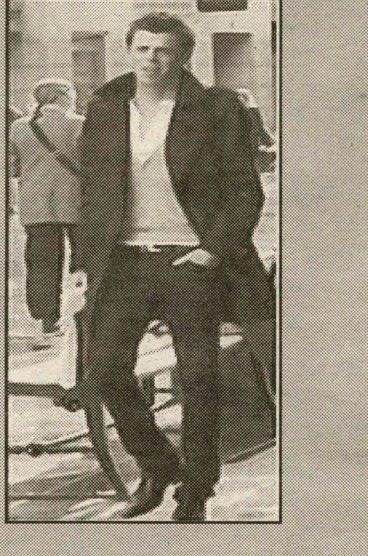
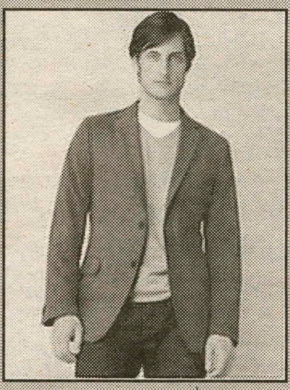


Retro and modern at the same time, stylish but not too metrosexual. He is the combination of Mr. Darcy and Jude Law. Sometimes you dress down to show off your big arms, other times you wear a trenchcoat to elongate your figure.

How to create this look:
JCrew Anchor Peacoat
Price : $250
Link: http://www.jcrew.com
Gap Cashmere Cardigan
Price: $148
link: www.gap.com

2. SoHo New York



It's highly possible that most of the well-dressed men I have seen in SoHo weren't straight. However, good outfits such as those found in Adam Kimmel's Spring 2008 collection give us a sense of "real man" dressing. With its fineness and unfussiness, Kimmel's collection is what mens' fashion today should be. In the words of Tim Blanks, former host of Fashion file, this should be an era of mens' clothes that reflect "uncompromising and uncompromised masculinity."

How to create this look:
Banana republic Cotton pin-dot strip two button blazer
Price: $198
link:www.bananarepublic.com
Gap slim fit French cuff Shirt
Price: $29.
link: www.gap.com

3. Shibuya Tokyo

Love it or leave it.

No further comment

How to create this look:
Go shopping in Asia.

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Weekly Charts

by Nicole T. Dietsche '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

MUSIC
(From iTunes)

Top Albums
1. Graduation - Kanye West
2. Across The Universe Soundtrack - Various Artists
3. Curtis - 50 Cent
4. Just Who I Am - Kenny Chesney
5. All The Lost Souls - James Blunt

Top Songs
1. Crank That - Soulja Boy Tell 'Em
2. Stronger - Kanye West
3. How Far We've Come - Matchbox 20
4. Bubbly - Colbie Caillat
5. Good Life - Kanye West

MOVIES
(Yahoo! Box Office Charts)
1. The Brave One
2. 3:10 to Yuma
3. Mr. Woodcock
4. Superbad
5. Dragon Wars
6. Halloween
7. Bourne Ultimatum
8. Balls of Fury
9. Rush Hour 3
10. Mr. Bean's Holiday

BOOKS
(From The New York Times Best Seller List)

Paperback Fiction
1. WATER FOR ELEPHANTS, by Sara Gruen
2. THE KITE RUNNER, by Khaled Hosseini
3. AT FIRST SIGHT, by Nicholas Sparks
4. THE MEMORY KEEPER'S DAUGHTER, by Kim Edwards
5. THE EMPEROR'S CHILDREN, by Claire Messud

Paperback Non-Fiction
1. EAT, PRAY, LOVE, by Elizabeth Gilbert
2. 90 MINUTES IN HEAVEN, by Don Piper with Cecil Murphey
3. THE GLASS CASTLE, by Jeannette Walls
4. THE OMNIVORE'S DILEMMA, by Michael Pollan
5. THREE CUPS OF TEA, by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin

New A&E Class: The Idiot Box 101
Season One of *Dead Like Me*

by Rachel Frazier '09
Arts & Entertainment Columnist

Dead Like Me has one of the more unique concepts I've ever run across in a television show: the main character dies in the first episode, and everything that happens after that is her afterlife. Well, it's less her afterlife and in a whole new perspective. The show, and George's, cavalier approach to death reinforces this, maintaining that "every person has a time".

George works very well as a symbol of the lost youth of America, as long as you're willing to admit that the lost youth are kind of depressing. She's cynical, sarcastic, and utterly people who become your family outside of your family. Rube, George's immediate reaper boss, is a sort of father figure, trying to guide George through the simultaneous confusing worlds of death and adulthood. Roxy is like your favorite bitchy aunt, a meter maid who takes nothing from anyone. Mason is the slacker big brother, a perpetual schlub who the rest at a yard sale, figuring that it is less painful if there are no reminders left of the chickie that has flown (or fallen) out of the nest. Her father barely reacts, admitting that his relationship with his eldest daughter effectively died years ago. And last there is Reggie, her eleven year old sister. Reggie reacts by collecting dead things, stealing

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***Dead Like Me* teaches us all how to cherish life... and to watch out for toilet seats re-entering the atmosphere.**

more her unlife. When Georgia Lass (the main character) is hit by a toilet seat falling from the sky, she is stunned to realize that she has not really lived. She doesn't get to pass on, though. George doesn't get an afterlife. Instead, she is recruited into the ranks of the Reapers, meant to harvest the souls of those about to die, specifically from freak accidents.

The show follows George as she tries to acclimatize to being dead, living alone, taking souls, and having to work for a living. In other words, it's a show about growing up. The conceit of the show is, frankly, brilliant, forcing us to confront our ideas about being an adult and being a person unmotivated to make anything of her life. When she was alive, she was a college drop out, living at home and working at a temp agency. After her death, she's a grim reaper, squatting in a dead guy's apartment and still working for the temp agency. As it turns out, death doesn't pay. Still, George is the model for all those who didn't grow up right. She stares at the world from under her perpetually raised eyebrows as if it's about to get up and bite her. Which, for a girl who got hit by a toilet seat, isn't that unreasonable a view.

The other reapers are stereotypes of a variety of people that you meet as you mature, the oozes nice-guy charm and sleeze like bad aftershave. And last are Betty and Daisy, the big sisters. Betty is the real big sis, the one who first befriends George and teaches her how to adjust to unlife—just to live it. After she leaves in episode five, we get Daisy, a pale replacement, but still funny in her own lovable ice queen way. Daisy is the girl you loved to hate in high school, and she's the type of older sister who always locked you out of the bathroom.

George's actual family reacts to her death in an almost extreme parody of empty-nest syndrome. Her mother boxes up some of her things and sells toilet seats and hanging them on a tree, and creating a shrine to George. She's a little on the crazy side, but in her own way, she is the only one in the family who actually expresses her grief at George's absence.

Dead Like Me is a brilliant show about growing up, even if it fails to address the issues of death and loss. Still, for a show about the disconnection between adolescence and adulthood, it really hits every mark. George is lost in her own life, and it's not until she dies, or "dies", that she finds a purpose. Sure, her purpose is to take the souls of the living to ease their passage, but that's better than nothing, right?

CAB Acoustic Coffee House Series

by Ashley Stagner '09
Arts and Entertainment Editor

There is nothing that I love more than the CAB Acoustic Coffeehouses. Live music, Opus goodies, and an intimate setting make a perfect night. So, in case you cannot make the Gym Class Heroes concert this Saturday, or you missed Brett Dennen, you can look forward to these great performers coming to campus this semester.

Thursday, October 4: Julian Velard with special guest Craig Cardiff

"New York based singer/songwriter Julian Velard wears his world weariness in a whiskey baritone that's been compared to both sides of Tom (Waits and Jones) and all sorts of Morrison (Van and Jim). Armed with a piano, Julian is sure to be a Hamilton favorite.

"Craig Cardiff is a troubadour in every sense of the word. He builds landscapes of sound using live digital loops and then brings the room to a hush. He's edged, folk, beautiful, melancholy and left leaning. In one song he'll break your heart and the next one puts it back together. It's pure emotion."

Thursday, October 25th: Patrick Park with special guest Matt Duke

"He's a one-of-a-kind, diamond in the rough, musical superstar. He's a Dylan for our generation snf no self-respecting rock fan should be without this record. Buy this, put it in your player and when 'Thunderbolt' comes on, you'll know you've made the right decision. He's part poet, part storyteller and part musician. He's so well rounded I'm shocked he's evaded the radar this long.

"*Winter Child* is a crowning moment in the development of Duke's budding career and is laden with Duke's signature songwriting style--extraordinarily beautiful melodies infused with unconventional song structures and intricate rhythmic textures."

Thursday, November 15th Elizabeth & The Catapult with special guest Carsie Blanton

"The self-assured Elizabeth and The Catapult prove what a sultry-voiced Greenwich Village habitue with a Norah Jones should do: Just let it flow. They bring a unique collection of skills to their project, with an interesting unintuitively-cool result. There Baroque pop songs have frequently been compared to those of Rufous Wainright, Fiona Apple and Laura Nyro.

"A devotee of folk music from the womb, Carsie Blanton later acquired a taste for Jazz, R&B, Motown, and Blues, and cobbled them together elegantly to create her own brand of musical shenanigans."

Previews courtesy of CAB.

All of the concerts begin at 8 p.m. in the Fillius Events Barn. Admission is free with Hamilton College ID; five dollars for the general public. There are free baked goods and gourmet drinks from Cafe Opus. Doors open at 7:30. Arrive early because seating is limited and the goodies go fast!

For more information about the Campus Activity Board, upcoming or past events, check out their web-site at http://students.hamilton.edu/cab/.

If you are totally stoked about the concerts and want to help bring other bands to campus, attend of one of their meetings! CAB meets 7 p.m., wednesday nights in ELS.

Entertaining Things from the World of Entertainment

by Nicole T. Dietsche '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Marc Antony denies that he and wife Jennifer Lopez are expecting. So that weight gain isn't a baby, eh? IN-teresting...

Variety editor Peter Bart is currently throwing a hissy fit because Matt Damon is keeping his private life ... private. Blast! Foiled again at trying to steal his boxers! Better luck next time Petey.

Beauty and the Geek's big surprise for this season is... le gasp!... a female geek and a male beauty. I give it five minutes before the female geek gets ostracized and the male beauty threatens to beat up a geek. Those poor people who have to relive high school all over....

Dick won *Big Brother* season Good-God-Why-Are-We-Still-Airing-This-Show. Oh, wait, that guy cares. Oops, sorry, he just sneezed.

Matthew McConaughey will replace Owen Wilson in Ben Stiller's upcoming comedy *Tropic Thunder*. It makes sense... he looks like Wilson with a straighter nose and gives off less of a 'why-can't-I-die?' vibe.

This month's *Glamour* features a clearly Photoshopped America Ferrera, star of *Ugly Betty*. Ironically, she was Photoshopped down to at least a size 4 for the "figure-flattery" issue. So much for trying to make girls comfortable in their own bodies...

Chris Crocker, sobbing Britney Spears defender (wow, there's a great title), is in talks for a reality show. Great, more terrible television.

Kanye West's new album, *Graduation*, beat out both 50 Cent and Kenny Chesney's new albums in Soundscan reports for September 11. Kanye West's obituary will probably contain the unprecedented phrase "Drive-by Lasso-ing."

In the world of books, apparently nothing happened after the release of *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*. J.K. Rowling politely requests that everyone stop sending her hate mail for making the book world a complete void.

Some crazy blokes at BBC thought it would be a great idea to put a kung fu master and a physicist in the same room. Now there's a super-intelligent kung fu warrior who knows all about force distribution going around breaking planks of wood at lumberyards world-wide. Trees everywhere are huddling in fear.

New WHCL Schedule for Mondays and Tuesdays

by Tom Helmuth '09
Arts & Entertainment Writer

Monday

I Do What I Want: 12 AM - 1 AM
DJs: Emeron Sosa and Allegra Thomas

Like all types of music except country? Wanna just jam to a pretty wicked mix? Wanna listen to esosa and Allegra try to stay chill throughout at least one show? Yeah, so do I, so listen to I Do What I Want!
Example Artists: Modest Mouse, Beastie Boys, Jay-Z, Justin Timberlake, Daddy Yankee

The Old Oak Tree: 1 PM - 2 PM
DJs: Lara Cueni, Tori Schacht

Known Elements: 2 PM - 3 PM
DJ: Russell Marcus

Each week, Known Elements features a recent release, generally in alternative/indie rock, and traces its roots in classic rock and roll, punk rock, new wave, grunge, and whatever else I can hear in the record.

Liberal Arts: 3 PM - 4 PM
DJs: Katie Giuliano, Stacey Ng

Carnegie 202: Live: 4 PM - 5 PM
DJs: Katie Donahue, Anne Murphy, Emily Pallin

Jacked Up: 5 PM - 6 PM
DJs: Matt Chuff, Sean Conway
Sports talk and call-in show.

Backslash: 6 PM - 8 PM
DJ: Matt Eichenfield

Anywhere But Here: 8 PM - 10 PM
DJ: Jonathan Mead

Possibly the longest running World Music show in Central New York.

Hard and the Heavy: 10 PM - 12 AM
DJ: Carlos Rico

The Hard & the Heavy brings you the best of heavy metal including melodic death, black, power, and much more.
Example Artists: Amon Amarth, In Flames, Children of Bodom, Cradle of Filth, Opeth

Tuesdays

The End is Near: 12 AM - 1 AM
DJs: Matt Damico, Za Jafri

'The End is Near' quite literally for these two seasoned seniors, Matt D'Amico and Murtaza Jafri (Za). Their time at Hamilton is truly coming to a close, so it will give their listeners an opportunity to hear them play some of their favorite tunes and talk about what makes Hamilton great, what makes it not so great and how to make it better. Give a listen.
Example Artists: The Doors, ELO, The Fray, Linkin Park, The Killers.

The Underground: 11 AM - 12 PM
DJs: Andrew Boddorff, Ryan Walker-Grey

Our show is all about the underground music that the majority of people probably have not heard or even knew existed. This show offers an opportunity to listen to some hardcore, metal, ska, and punk music that an average person may not have had access to.
Example Artists: Everytime I Die, Misery Signals, Saves the Day, Thursday, Life in your Way

Untitled #1: 12 PM - 1 PM
DJs: Sean Ryan, Jared Schneider

Super Fun Music Time: 1 PM - 3 PM
DJ: Arielle Cutler

Check out Super Fun Music Time for an eclectic mix of music spanning time periods, time zones, and everything from alternative rock to hip-hop to world. Discover something new or enjoy some old favorites.

Tomorrow Never Knows: 3 PM - 4 PM
DJ: Sally Kral

Every week will be a new theme, depending on my mood. Themes will be fun and interesting, and may include dance songs, awesome female artists, music to cry to, songs featured in movies, angry songs... The list goes on!
Example Artists: Belle & Sebastian, The Shins, The Beatles, Mates of State, Regina Spektor

The Morning Show: 4 PM - 6 PM
DJs: Tyler Chamberlin, Michael Petrey

Kick off your evening with The Morning Show, a melting-pot mix of music, ranging from classic rock to salsa (and anything else you can think of). We're all about playing great songs that'll rock your Tuesday and keep you tapping your toes all day long.
Example Artists: Enter the Haggis, Béla Fleck, Big Phat Band, Pink Floyd, The Proclaimers

Assistant Whatever: 6 PM - 7 PM
DJ: Brendan Welsh

You know when you're planning an evening with that special someone and you think, "Daaaaamn, what tracks am I gonna bump to get this honey out of them jeans and into my double in Bundy?" Just turn on my show. I'll assist you with…whatever.
Example Artists: David Bowie, The Brian Jonestown Massacre, The Velvet Underground, Dinosaur Jr., DJ Shadow

The Third Bardo: 7 PM - 9 PM
DJ: Alex Hahn
Music for heads, hippies and noise freaks. Includes... Acid Folk, Shoegaze, Krautrock, Space Rock, Post-Punk, Trip-Hop, Stoner Metal, Drone, and Avant-Garde weirdness. Step Inside.

The Rabbit Hole: 9 PM - 10 PM
DJ: David Moroney

Cry Yourself to Sleep: 10 PM - 12 AM
DJ: Garrett Morgan

"Is your heart severely broken? Sick of people pretending? Tired of lines like.... 'Everyone goes through it', "Smile!', 'Why do you wear tight pants?', or 'Why don't you party with us on weekends?'" Cry Yourself to Sleep is the show you need to tune into! With an eclectic synthesis of Emo, Screamo, and Pop-Punk, DJ "It's not you it's me" reaches out and provides listeners with music that actually means something. With Brilliant Lyrics and Killer Pick Ups, Cry Yourself to Sleep is a musical manifestation for people who are broken, bruised, sick, tired and looking for solace because life is DEFINITELY worth it. You're not alone.
Example Artists: Dashboard Confessional, The Academy Is..., Fall Out Boy, Motion City Soundtrack, The Get Up Kids, 1997, The Starting Line

The Way of the Umbrella Academy

by Nicole T. Dietsche '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

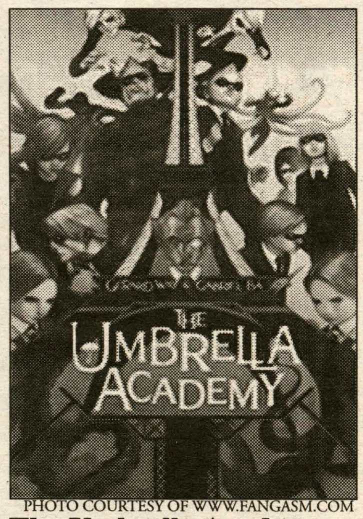
September 19, 2007 will forever be remembered as the day that fan-girls everywhere officially joined the ranks of geekdom. If they weren't there already, thousands of My Chemical Romance fans will be flooding comic book stores to pick up their very own copy of frontman Gerard Way's debut comic book, *The Umbrella Academy*.

The Umbrella Academy, written by Way and illustrated by legendary Brazilian artist, Gabriel Ba, is about a group of mal-adjusted, dysfunctional superheroes forced to re-group after the death of their leader, in order to do nothing more than save the world (which, of course, needs saving within the first few pages).

The cover art was done by James Jean, who also draws the covers for the popular *Fables* graphic novel series and drew the cover artwork for My Chemical Romance's latest release, *The Black Parade*. *The Umbrella Academy* is published by Portland Oregon's Dark Horse Comics and is expected to have six parts. Some comic critics have already started drooling over the idea of Way as the Neil Gaiman's next collaborator. For all of you non-comic-readers, Gaiman is the creator of *The Sandman* series, among numerous other works of genius, comic and fiction alike.

Before becoming the lead singer of a platinum-selling, arena rock, life-saving band, Way was originally involved in the comic book industry. He graduated from New York City's School of Visual Arts and interned at DC Comics. Before becoming a rock icon, Way was trying to sell his cartoon concept, *The Breakfast Monkey*, to Cartoon Network, but it was not signed because it was too similar to *Aqua Teen Hunger Force*.

The Umbrella Academy is the answer to the question 'what more can a rock star want?' Way's return to his geeky, comic-loving roots is a refreshing, brilliant work of art and is sure to do well; even if only MCR fans buy it.



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The Umbrella Academy debuted this Wednesday.

**Like Umbrellas? We do too!
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Different *City*, Just As Much Sex: *The Golden Girls*

by Kaitlin Krumeich '09
Arts & Entertainment Writer

If you are a college-age female, you have probably seen *Sex and the City*, the popular HBO series that chronicled the friendship and, more importantly, the dating lives of four New York City women. Whether you've just seen one episode out of its six-year run or you have every season on DVD, chances are you are somewhat familiar with its characters: Carrie Bradshaw, the girl-next-door type columnist, Miranda Hobbes, the cynical lawyer, Samantha Jones, the notoriously promiscuous publicist and Charlotte York, the naïve art dealer. The *Sex and the City* movie is scheduled to begin filming next week after a three-year long delay, and fans can't wait to put their DVDs back on the shelves and catch up with their favorite New York sophisticates.

But in the meantime, what is one to do? The season finale aired over three years ago; while revisiting the show via DVD or watered-down television reruns is fun, how many times can you watch Carrie spell out the episode's "lesson" via a close-up shot of her laptop or listen to her whine about Manolo Blahniks before you get a little sick of it all?

Picture this: a revitalized *Sex and the City*. Keep the humor, the dating woes, and the friendship; nix the expensive shoes and the vulgarity. How about a change of location? New York City became an integral part of the show over the course of its run, but Miami's tropical climate and active nightlife would also be a perfect locale for four single women. *Sex and the City* was called controversial, but a show existed years before the New York quartet roamed the streets of Manhattan that closely mirrored, and in many ways outshone its newer, flashier counterpart. So imagine *Sex and the City* without the glitz, but with a bit more substance and a dash of hormone-replacement therapy. You've got *The Golden Girls*.

The Golden Girls depicts the lives of four post-menopausal friends living together and looking for love in Miami; it is what one might imagine the lives of the *Sex and the City* women to look like twenty-five or thirty years after its season finale. Each Golden Girl has a *Sex and the City* counterpart: Sophia Petrillo is the Carrie of the group; an Italian immigrant well into her eighties, she is a motherly presence and offers plenty of advice; however this advice is not given via newspaper column, but rather in stories that always begin, "Picture it. Sicily. 1922." Her daughter Dorothy Zbornak is most like Miranda, level-headed and cynical. Blanche Devereaux is the group's Samantha Jones; like Samantha, she prides herself on her sexual prowess and is referred to as a "human mattress." Rose Nylund is most like Charlotte; both characters are incredibly naïve but good-natured and sweet. Sophia, Dorothy, Blanche, and Rose all live together and share their dating-related woes not over cosmopolitans, but cheesecake.

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The first *Sex and the City*... *The Golden Girls*.

You might be thinking that a show about four "old" ladies in Miami cannot possibly compare to *Sex and the City* in terms of controversial subject matter. Even though the show aired from 1985-1992, it tackled some pretty serious subjects that seemed taboo at the time. For example, Dorothy had a cross-dressing brother, Blanche struggled to accept her brother's homosexuality, and Rose had to undergo an HIV test after receiving a blood transfusion. There's also still plenty of sex; these women never sit at home on a Saturday night, and Blanche always seems to have an overnight guest.

So why not use this time before the release of the *Sex and the City* movie to get to know its predecessor? Forget the fancy footwear and the trendy bars and enjoy a simpler pleasure. It lacks *Sex*'s glitz and glamour, but it is equally, if not more, humorous, and it certainly has more heart. Who needs Carrie Bradshaw when you've got Sophia Petrillo?

A New Kind of Western

by Rebecca Griffin '09
Arts & Entertainment Writer

Unlike the typical western drama, *The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford* focuses on the story of Jesse James rather than the chase scenes and showdowns that usually define Westerns. The film is one take on the myth and legend of Jesse James, one of the most notorious outlaws in history. The movie takes an old legend and provides a twist on the story of a fan becoming disillusioned upon finding out his hero is not who he believed him to be.

The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford focuses on Robert Ford (Casey Affleck), a man who hero-worships Jesse James (Brad Pitt) and wants nothing more than to be an outlaw himself. Robert and his brother Charley (Sam Rockwell) manage to find a way to get in with Jesse's crew. However, Robert soon finds that the idealized version of James that Robert had worshipped since childhood is not the true Jesse James.

Ridiculed and humiliated by James' followers and James, Robert's love turns to hatred as he and Charley decide to betray James once and for all. Eventually, they realize that if they want James dead, they will have to do it themselves. Ford realizes that his visions of glory and heroism may never come to fruition as he seeks to kill the one man he though he understood most.

The film stands at nearly three hours and often times becomes tedious and dull as characters sink into long, rambling scenes full of narration. The film is not for anyone who is looking for a typical western full of fighting and action. Instead the film relies on its narration, character development and stellar cinematography to draw in an audience. Indeed, there are great scenes and Brad Pitt and Casey Affleck deliver some of the best performances of their careers.

PLAYLIST: DANK DISCO STYLE

by Melissa Balding '09, Lauren Moon '09, Heather Finney '09

Did you miss the silent disco because you were on the phone with your mommy all night? If so, we've decided to give you a remix of the tunes that kept us bumping out on Minor field under the stars. As always we gave it our own flare of strange techno and rap. Don't pretend you're not ready to love these songs and don't dare say you found them d#@$ing around on iTunes.

Fatboy Slim – "I'm a Rainbow Too" (Remix)
Unbeknownst to Bob Marley, Fatboy Slim teams up with him to create a (SICK) techno remix to I'm a Rainbow Too. This refreshing mix will evoke many colors and bobbing heads in your brain. So for a flash of reggae jammin' right under a sparkling disco ball, check out what Fatboy Slim has been doing since the very played out "Praise You".

David Bowie - Fame
Flowing beats move your dancing shoes keeping your booty in the groove. Fame gives everyone the necessary limelight needed to keep the party going without exhausting your new hot dance moves that you practiced in your full length mirror the day before.

Michael Jackson – Billie Jean
Lose a glove and hope the sidewalk lights up. It's Michael f#$%ing Jackson what more do I have to f&^king say?!?

Girl Talk – Once Again
Ever heard a techno remix of Ludacris "Pimping all over the world" and The Vervve "Bittersweet Symphony"? No? Puh-lease. These fresh popping illegal remix artists have the unique capability of mixing any genre necessary into a sweet jivin', feet slidin', utterly connivin' techno remix.

Peter, Bjorn and John – Young Folks
Don't whistle along unless you're a sick whistler. But make sure to dance your tits off to this savory Swedish melody. And if that's not boss enough for you, Kanye does a sweeter than Swedish Fish version that's sure to keep you bumping.

Kanye West – Flashin' LIGHTS
We thought you needed a little taste of some beats off the new Kanye album "Graduation." Like some of his older albums, Kanye mixes upbeat background mixes that keep your foot tappin'. However, the lyrics on Graduation are more mature, less graphic, and considerably more carefree. This beat is not for those with no rhythm or those prone to epileptic shock, but for the rest of us Kanye has surely hit a sweet tooth for glamorous beats politely blended with smooth lyrics that will solidify your undying love for America's best-selling rap star.

The Avalanches – Frontier Psychiatrist
That boy needs therapy.. He was white as a sheet.. Sometimes a parrot talks.. A record.. That boy needs therapy.. A man with a golden eyeball.. You're a nut, you're as crazy as a coconut.. That boy needs therapy.. Pour juice on your chin.. I Promised my wife I'd play the violin.. I was in another world, a world of 20,000 girls.. That boy needs therapy.. What does that mean?.. I'm afraid expulsion is the only answer…

MC Solaar – La Belle et le Bad Boy
This is the French rap rendition of the classic tale of a girl falling in love with a bad boy.. who consequently gets shot. This timeless story makes for a smooth, mellow, yet modern, end to a crazy night of block rockin' techno beats that have clearly left you bleary beyond belief. Whew!

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Bringing the Green Game: The Republicans

by Kye Lippold'10
Science & Technology Special Correspondent

Popular opinion may view Democrats as tree-hugging hippies and Republicans as wood-chopping businessmen, but the reality is considerably more nuanced. Both major political parties show significant variation in their environmental positions, as the slate of candidates for the presidential nomination from both parties makes clear.

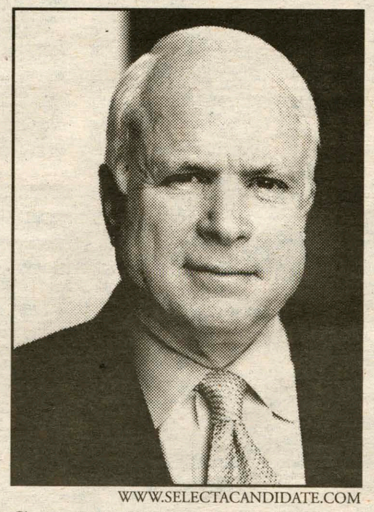
Following up on last week's article discussing the 2008 Democratic candidates' environmental positions, it seemed fitting to evaluate the environmental platforms of Republican presidential hopefuls as well. I found that while no Republican candidate would earn outright endorsement from environmental organizations, there are some candidates who put environmental issues higher on their agendas.

First of all, it is relatively clear why Republican candidates would not tout starkly environmental platforms; the Republican base lies in the business class, who would much rather see natural resources go to improving standards of living rather than reducing Americans' ecological footprints. Accordingly, in an August 1 Newsweek poll, 62 percent of Republicans said that stances on global warming would not be a factor in their votes for Congressional candidates in 2008, compared to 22 percent of Democrats and 31 percent of Independents who gave this top environmental issue low priority. Thus, Republicans as a whole have little incentive from their grassroots to take pro-environmental positions.

However, Republicans do suffer somewhat in the political arena for their stance on the environment; the same Newsweek poll showed that 52 percent of Americans trust Democrats to deal with global warming, compared to 21 percent who trust Republicans (15 percent trust neither party). Also, 63 percent of voters would consider candidates' views on the global warming to be one of their most important issues in voting for Congress. Thus, Republicans who take more pro-environmental positions may stand to gain votes from moderates who do not currently trust the Republican party on this issue, which could decide a close election in their favor. So let's take a look at where the Republicans stand.

Evaluating Republican strength on the environment is slightly more difficult than for Democrats, simply because fewer Republican presidential candidates have had experience in Congress and therefore lack clearly discriminating votes for or against federal environmental bills. Thus, the scores from the League of Conservation Voters (LCV; an environmental interest group that evaluates environmental records of members of Congress) have significant gaps in the Republican field. Nonetheless, one can get a sense of the environmental positions of these candidates based on their public statements, campaign platforms, and notable initiatives in their previous positions (culled from a variety of websites, including ontheissues.com, vote-smart.org, frogking.com, the campaigns' websites, and grist.com).

Republicans share several important environmental philosophies. Most accept global warming as real, although they debate whether it is caused by humans. Most also call for energy independence, viewing reliance on Middle Eastern oil as a foreign policy risk. Proposed solutions to climate change and energy security focus on expanding United States energy operations (such as biofuels, which are popular in the Midwest farming states, and domestic oil drilling in Alaska) and building more nuclear power plants.



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Sen. McCain has a history of environmental advocacy.

John McCain, a major contender in the Republican race, comes in second by the LCV ratings, and environmental issues have helped contribute to his image of independence from mainstream Republican policies (according to Grist Magazine). He helped bring one of the early bills to the Senate that addressed climate change, calling for a cap and trade system of reducing carbon dioxide emissions and subsidies for nuclear power. He also opposed President Bush's 2005 energy bill providing subsidies to oil and gas companies, supported mercury regulations on oil and gas smokestacks, supports national parks, and previously opposed oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (or ANWR). His record is not purely green—he has voted to defund renewable energy sources, to approve the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste repository, and to log forests near communities—but of the major GOP candidates, he likely stands the best chance of appealing to environmental voters.

The front runner in the GOP field, Rudy Guliani, has thrown some bones to environmental groups by verbally opposing pollution (quoted in the San Francisco Chronicle). He has advocated a host of plans for reaching energy independence, with his campaign website advocating increased nuclear and coal power but also renewable energy and biofuels; however, his plans lack many specifics beyond a commitment to use environmental statistics software to track progress on this issue. He opposes carbon taxes, preferring the free market, and has established some close ties with energy and oil industry lobbyists through joining the Bracewell & Giuliani law firm, which would cause him to favor industry in environmental matters.

Of the three leading Republican candidates, former Tennessee Senator Fred Thompson has probably the least pro-environmental record. In March, he expressed doubt about the

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Comparison: Experience and Records

Candidate	LCV Score	# Years in Congress
Sam Brownback	14	11
Rudy Giuliani	*	0
Mike Huckabee	*	0
Duncan Hunter	9	26
Alan Keyes	*	0
John McCain	26	20
Ron Paul	30	17
Mitt Romney	*	0
Tom Tancredo	11	8
Fred Thompson	12	8

*These candidates have no national voting record on environmental issues

Spotlight on Research @ Hamilton: This Week: Sarah Cryer '10

by Elijah LaChance '10
Science and Technology Editor

Imagine rolling down the street in a brand-new convertible, secure in the knowledge that your latest extravagance is powered by renewable hydrogen fuel cells. Now consider the terrible implications if the hydrogen cannot be stored safely. Hydrogen in its pure form is an exceedingly reactive gas that must be kept at extreme pressures and temperatures not safe using traditional metal or plastic containers. Developing a light, low-cost receptacle that can withstand these conditions was the work of Sarah Cryer '10, under the advisement of Assistant Professor of Chemistry Camille Jones, this past summer.

Cryer and Jones were part of a team looking at semiclathrate – a compound composed of complex ring structures of hydrogen, ammonium, and oxygen – that Cryer said, when interviewed, to "think about like ice with salt in it." However, the "salt" in question turned out not to be your ordinary table salt, but rather one of a selection of complex ammonium-based salt crystals. Different forms of semiclathrate can be formed by using different salts, a process aided greatly by computer modeling, which Cryer described as "most of what we did, since it's very important to get that right." Another part of the team's activity was synthesizing the semiclathrate, a three-step process that can take weeks to get right, and determining its purity by using X-ray diffraction, a process that gave a series of peaks showing different functional groups within the molecule.

Once a suitable form of

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Cryer and Prof. Jones go back over their work on semiclathrate last summer.

semiclathrate had been accurately modeled and synthesized, the trick was to fill in "empty cages" in the structure. "The semiclathrate is formed of bonds that make spaces called 'cages,'" explained Cryer. "Some of the cages are filled by the ammonium salt, but others need a 'guest molecule.' Part of the challenge is to find a stable guest molecule." Guest molecules are usually epoxides or more complex carbon-chain ring structures. These molecules are synthesized by

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The Scientist's Bookshelf

Mountains Beyond Mountains

Author: Tracy Kidder

by Kate Tumarello '11
Science and Technology Writer

Rating: ★★★★★

Nothing infuriates me more than people who think that if a goal cannot be accomplished in its entirety, it should not be strived for at all. Just because an aspiration seems to large and impossible for one person, does not mean it cannot be completed.

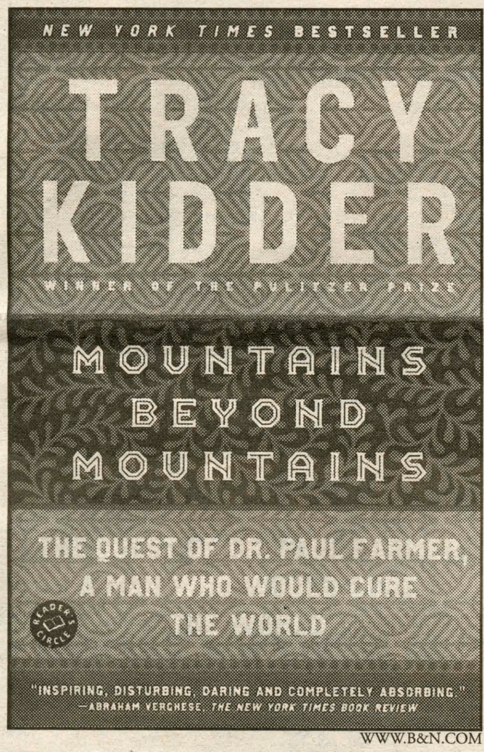
Paul Farmer, the subject of Tracy Kidder's *Mountains Beyond Mountains*, shares my point of view. This book tells the story of a man who was not discouraged by the enormity of the task that lay ahead of him. Instead, he was fueled by the fact that there was always more he could do and decided to aim his ambitions at helping the impoverished and ill people in Haiti.

Mountains Beyond Mountains is more than an average book that tells its audience about great people with great power doing great things. Instead, it focuses on an average man who started with less than what most of us have and went on to accomplish tremendous things for other people, including miraculously improving the health care system in Haiti. To his Haitian patients he was "Dokté Paul," literally meaning "Doctor Paul," a man who used both magic and medicine to cure them. To his colleagues he was their inspiration and driving force, teaching by example that the lives of patients come before issues of personal, economic, or practical matters.

To the audience Farmer comes off as a god-like figure who sacrifices everything - his money, his home, and his family - to better the lives of others. He selflessly gives time and money claiming he cannot sell his "services in a world where some can't buy them." He considers himself a medical anthropologist, meaning he not only recognizes the problems in a society, but takes the necessary steps to alleviate them. Not only does he treat his patients for tuberculosis, malaria, and some of the symptoms of AIDS with medicine, he also treats them with kindness and compassion.

It may seem like Paul Farmer is some impossible standard that we only hope to aim for. However, throughout the book Kidder reveals the less perfect traits of Farmer to the audience. At one point, Farmer loses his temper with a colleague of his. We may be amazed at how human he appears in this moment, but he goes on to assure us that he only loses his temper if it won't negatively affect his mission. He is both a real human and making a real difference.

Obviously, Paul Farmer is a great person to turn to for a role model. The audience is forced to ask themselves to what extent they are making a difference in their world. Even if you want to avoid what may seem like a three hundred page lecture on humanity and generosity, this book is still a good pick just because it will give you new things to look at and new ways of looking at familiar things.



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***Mountains Beyond Mountains* is a New York Times bestseller and also earned five stars in this review.**

"The whole of science is nothing more than a refinement of everyday thinking."
~Albert Einstein

PROFESSOR PROFILE

Nathan Goodale, Anthropology

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Name: Nathan Goodale
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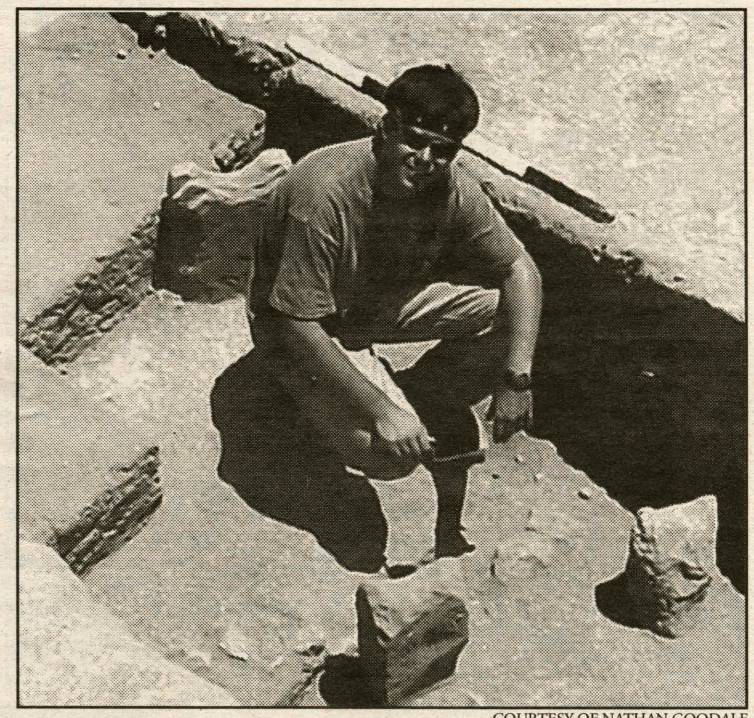
Hometowns: Durango, Colorado
College (B.S.): University of Montana in Missoula
Ph.D., ABD Work: ongoing at University of Washington in Pullman
Research: Correlation between shifts in technological invention and social organization



COURTESY OF NATHAN GOODALE

Professor Goodale sitting in a 12,000 year-old grain storage structure in Dhra', Jordan.

INTERVIEW SECTION:

Elijah LaChance: If you were to describe yourself in three words, what would they be?

Nathan Goodale: Helpful, encouraging, determined.

EL: What areas of anthropology most interest you and why?

NG: The topics in anthropology that most interest me are those related to studying past human cultures through the archaeological record. I am particularly interested in why the first villages aggregated in many areas of the world including the Near East, the interior Pacific Northwest of North America, and I have recently added Ireland to my research. I am also very interested in stone tool technology and how humans in the past produced and utilized stone tools in their everyday lives.

EL: How did you eventually choose to teach anthropology for a living?

NG: I grew up in Durango, Colorado which is in the southwestern corner of the state. This was probably the most significant reason why I am an archaeologist because many of the major ancient Pueblo sites are very close to Durango including Mesa Verde, Crow Canyon and Chaco Canyon. I was lucky enough to have archaeology and geology offered at Durango High School and unlike most people, I knew what my majors (anthropology and geology) were going to be before I went to college. Even more amazing, I actually stuck with both of them. I worked in the private sector of archaeology during my summers off from college. It was great when I was in my early 20s but living out of my car quickly became more of a hassle than the paychecks were worth. By my third year in college, there was no question in my mind that I was going to go to graduate school to make a shot at getting an often illusive job in academic anthropology.

EL: Why Hamilton?

NG: This position at Hamilton College offers a great environment for teaching students but also including students in my research. The main reason for this is that the class sizes are conducive to having a small number of students handle the often fragile and very important artifacts that I study. I currently have six students working on projects related to my research for senior theses and final class projects. This kind of learning atmosphere is unique and I am very happy that I received the chance to come here.

EL: What is your funniest and/or most embarrassing childhood memory that you wouldn't mind sharing?

NG: My most embarrassing childhood memory was from a family trip to Ouray, Colorado when I was in middle school. We were on a llama backpacking trip where the llamas carried most of our gear. We were on the top of a mountain having lunch at around 12,000 feet with vertical drops on several sides. The llamas were laying down taking a rest and I didn't think it would be a bad idea to step over one of the llamas' necks. Well it wasn't a good idea and the llama bolted upright with me clinging to it and my parents and our guide screaming and hoping that I didn't go over the edge. Very embarrassing and scary at the same time.

EL: Do you have any habits students might notice? If so, what are they?

NG: I really hate to use chalk boards. It's a texture thing. Students may notice me cringe when I absolutely have to use one.

EL: What is your favorite band or singer and your favorite ice cream flavor?

NG: 7. My favorite band has been Pink Floyd since I was probably in the seventh grade. I have a collection of every Pink Floyd album released on vinyl. Otherwise I like a broad range of music from John Prine, to Wilco, to Beethoven. I am also an NPR junkie. You can bet that if you see me in the car, that the radio is tuned to NPR. Unfortunately I can't eat ice cream. My many years of getting amoebic dysentery working in the Middle East have rendered me virtually lactose intolerant.

EL: What would you say is your teaching style, and what can students expect who are in your classes?

NG: I try as much as I can

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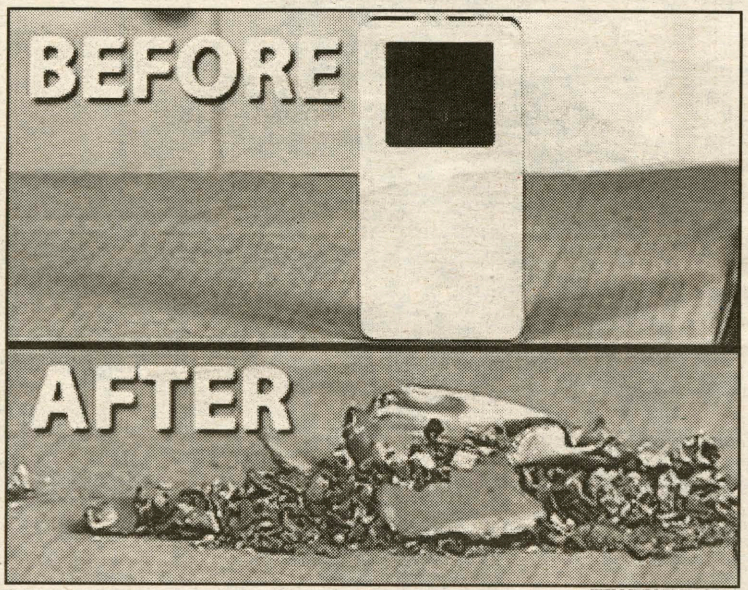
What's Cool on the Web?

Weekly Science Website Review

WillItBlend.com



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The site gives before and after shots of each blending.

by Kate Tumarello '11
Science and Technology Writer

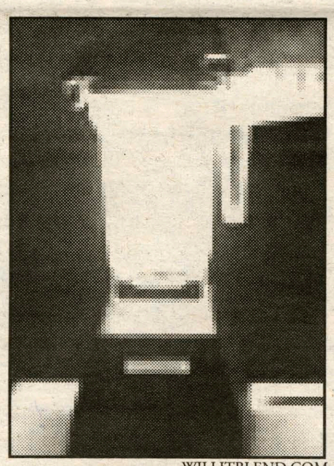
Rating: (out of 5 beakers)

You've just spent hours waiting on line to spend hundreds of dollars for an iPhone. You go home, take it out of the box, put it in your blender, and press the smoothie button.

No? Even if you haven't considered blending an iPhone yourself, it's still interesting to see it being done by a professional, like Blendtech's Tom Dickson. To see an iPhone go from a sophisticated piece of technology to little more than black dust, check out WillIt-Blend.com.

WillItBlend.com is the promotional site for Blendtech, a company that sells blenders that cost more than the iPhones they are capable of blending. Still, if you feel the need to buy a four hundred dollar blender or t-shirt advertising the site that says "Tom Dickson is my homeboy," the Blendtech store is the place to go. However, you'll be equally satisfied by the website if you're just looking to see some odd stuff get thrown into a blender.

The site is conveniently organized into two groups: things that can be blended at home, and those that cannot, in case you really were eager to throw your iPhone into a blender. The "Don't Try This At Home" section has the videos of blending things you would never imag-



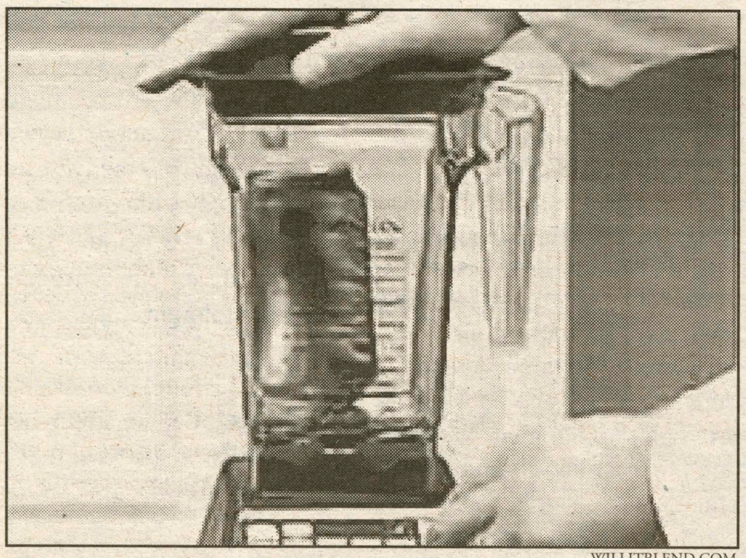
WILLITBLEND.COM

Glowsticks in the blender look slightly ethereal.

ine putting in a blender, such as the iPhone, containers of Spam, glow sticks, hockey pucks, and an odd combination of rotisserie chicken and Coke. The much shorter "Try This At Home" has videos on how to blend ice into snow, granulated sugar into powdered sugar, and coffee beans into coffee grinds.

Want to watch coffee being grinded or an iPhone being destroyed any time? You can always purchase the "Will It Blend?" DVD, which has the first 50 blender experiments, for just under ten dollars. There's also the "Will It Blog?" section where the creators post items they find intriguing. Here you can find videos done by outside websites that imitate the "Will It Blend?" series, news updates, and even information on how to bid on the blended iPhone on eBay.

If WillItBlend.com has missed something that you've always wanted to put in a blender but have never been allowed to, you can suggest something to blend by filling out the short form, though it's hard to imagine that a company who has blended everything from chicken soup to ballpoint pens could have forgotten something. Finally, we have a company that understands our inherent curiosity with powerful, fast, sharp blades and the things we can destroy with them.



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A full Coke can rattles around in the blender at the start of a blend. It will soon be unrecognizable.

PROFESSOR PROFILE

Nathan Goodale: Anthropolgy

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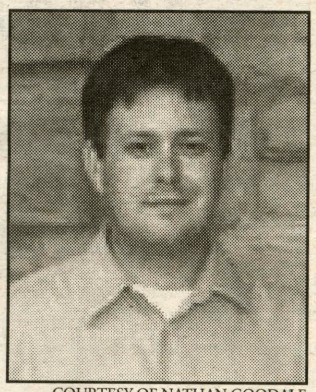


COURTESY OF NATHAN GOODALE

A more sedate photograph of Professor Goodale

make my teaching innovative and also where possible, include students in my research. My philosophy for myself since my masters degree was to make as many projects in the courses that I took have relevance in some larger issue that I was grappling with. For example, when I was in a hunter-gatherer course during my PhD, I was able to write a significant portion of a chapter for my dissertation as a research project for the course. I have tried to take this approach and let students have a similar experience. For example, I try to be flexible with course material so if a student is interested in gender studies, they could do a research project in my Old World Prehistory class on the evolution of gender roles (a student is actually working on this for the class).

EL: What was the craziest thing you did in college you wouldn't mind sharing?

NG: I love to ski. That was my biggest problem in college, I was addicted (and still am). I was so addicted that I missed (on purpose I might add) several quizzes and exams. This was really bad especially for one general education requirement class that I absolutely couldn't stand. I ended up with a very low grade because catching the champagne powder at Crested Butte was much more important than attending class (although I never missed an anthropology or geology class). In any case, this lowered my GPA quite significantly and I had to retake the course to erase the bad mark for applying to graduate school.

Did You Know That?

Wacky Facts: Mostly About Humans

by Tara Apo '10
Science and Technology Writer

- *Children who are breast-fed tend to have slightly higher IQs then those who aren't.*
- *Ninety percent of the population has an "innie" belly button.*
- *Your right and left nostrils register smells in different ways. Smells made from your right nostril tend to be more pleasant, while your left nostril can detect smells more accurately.*
- *Every day, the average person swallows about a quart of snot.*
- *Girls have more taste-buds than boys.*
- *The space between your eyebrows (if you have one) is called the glabella.*
- *Ironically, when doctors in Los Angeles, California went on strike in 1976, the daily number of deaths in the city dropped 18%.*
- *When a person reaches the age of 35, he/she will start to lose about 7,ooo brain cells a day.*
- *Coca-Cola© was originally green.*
- *The world's tallest known man is 8ft. 11.1 in. The world's tallest woman is 7 ft. 7 in.*
- *People have the tendency to chew the food on the side that they most often use their hand.*
- *On average, redheads have less hair than people with black hair.*
- *All polar bears are left-handed*
- *Like fingerprints, your tongue has it's own unique "print." No two tongue-prints are the same!*
- *The average adult has approximately six pounds of skin.*
- *February 1865 was the only month in recorded history not to have a full moon.*
- *Toenails grow slower than fingernails.*
- *The average person laughs 10 times a day. Are you meeting the quota?*
- *If a person does not sleep for 10 days, he/she will die.*
- *When you sneeze, your heart stops. Hence the term 'God bless you'.*
- *Snails breathe through their feet.*

SCI & TECH EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, Sept. 23:
New Developments in AIDS Research BioMatters Roundtable Discussion
7:00 p.m. Biology Student Lounge (Second Floor SCCT)

Tuesday, Sept. 25:
HEAG (Hamilton Environmental Action Group) Meeting
8:00 p.m. Glen House

Tuesday, Sept. 25:
Sandra Steingraber, Author, *Living Downstream*, a presentation of the Diversity and Social Justice Project
7:30 p.m. Fillius Events Barn

Thursday, Sept. 27:
Rafael Campo, Physician and Poet Co-sponsored by the Diversity and Social Justice Project and the English Dept.

"Fact vs. Truth: Examining Health Disparities Through Diverse Illness Narratives"
4:10 p.m. Chapel

Poetry Reading
8:00 Fillius Events Barn

Monday, Oct. 1:
Dr. John Jaenike, University of Rochester "Male-killing endosymbionts: origins, persistence, and impact."
4:10 p.m. SCCT 2017
(Refresments at 4:00 p.m.)

Friday, Oct. 5:
Angel Garcia, Department of Physics, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute "Theoretical Studies in Protein Folding"
3:00 p.m. SCCT 3024
(Refreshments at 2:45 p.m.)

General: Remember, Science and Technology wants your science jokes! The competition is heating up; the best jokes will be published in the first October issue. Send submissions to: *elachanc@hamilton.edu*

Green Repubicans in 2008?

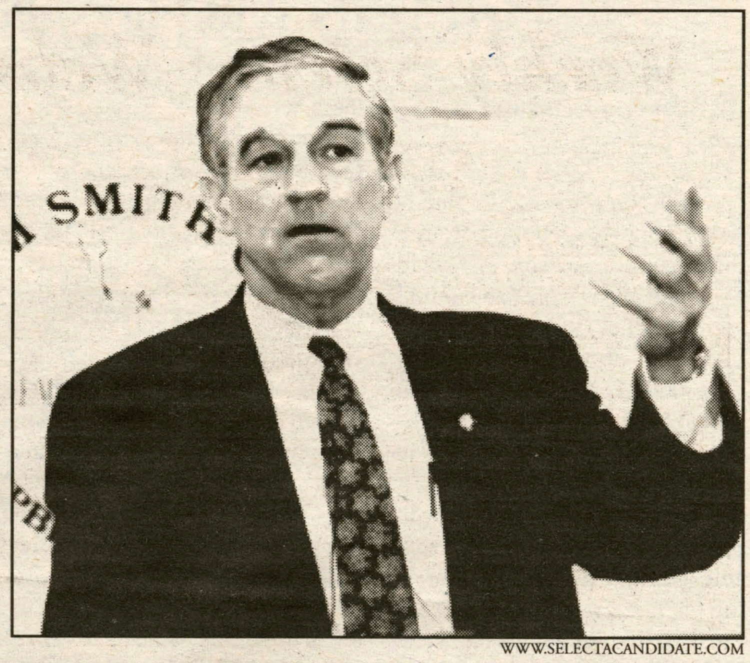
*from **Republicans**, page 18*

human causation of global warming; in his earlier years, he supported increased logging, drilling in ANWR, and the Yucca Mountain plan.

The fourth place Republican, former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney, has mixed pro-environmental positions because of his role as the Republican governor of a liberal state. He authored a state Climate Protection Plan and helped plan a regional initiative for greenhouse gas limitations, but the plan involved voluntary measures and he left the initiative when it did not put limits on costs to energy companies. He has supported drilling in ANWR to help American energy security, as well as use of liquid coal, nuclear, and biofuel sources.

Among GOP members with congressional records, the unlikely leader in appreciation by the LCV is Ron Paul, the Texas Representative who has gathered attention in mainstream media for opposing the orthodox Republican position on the Iraq War. Paul's environmental platform fits in with his strict constitutionalist philosophy; he has stated that "the environment is better protected under private property rights," and advocates dismantling the EPA in line with his desire to eliminate most government agencies. However, he matches the greener Democrats in calling for an end to subsidies to oil and gas companies, believing that this will promote alternative energy through the free market.

Former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee also bears mention for his conservationist approach, arguing in debates that the United States should follow the "boy scout rule" of leaving the environment better than they found it. He supports alternative energy sources and programs to prevent drought, and told the Denver Post that he advocated moving to alternative energy within ten years. However, he supports nuclear power and drilling in ANWR as additional solutions, in keeping with the Republican theme.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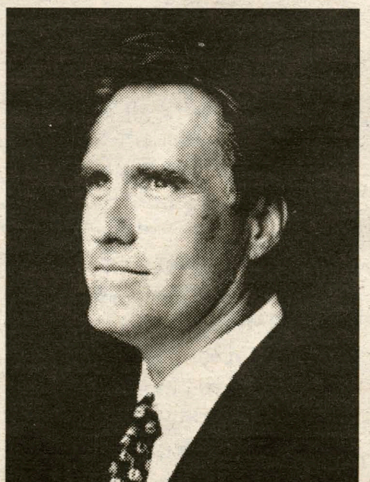
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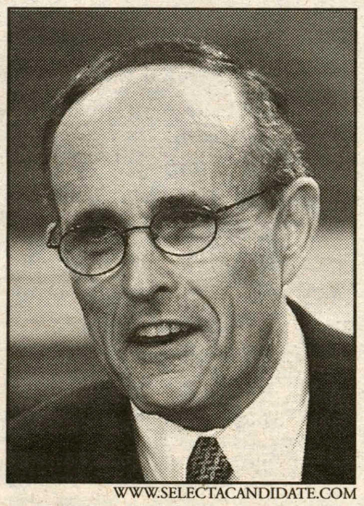
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Rep. Ron Paul (top) has the best LCV record in the Republican Presidential field, while front-runners Romney (bottom left) and Guliani (bottom right) are untested.

Alan Keyes, who entered the race on September 14, has evinced a sense of responsibility for the environment, but suggests that Americans would do well to trust in God to reduce their anxiety about environmental concerns.

The remaining candidates have relatively similar positions, marked by many pro-business votes on environmental issues and low LCV scores. Senator Sam Brownback supports oil drilling and ethanol use in the U.S. to reduce foreign oil dependency, which he views as hurting human rights by encouraging dictatorial regimes. Representative Duncan Hunter has suggested tackling global warming and energy independence together, but has made no specific commitments and voted against several environmental bills, including the Kyoto protocol. Representative Tom Tancredo doubts that global warming exists, and described former Vice President Al Gore's book An Inconvenient Truth to the Associated Press as a work of fiction.

Ultimately, Republican presidential candidates in 2008 share many environmental policies just as Democrats do. Where Democrats try to outdo each other on rules for carbon emissions and fuel efficiency, Republicans all play the theme of allowing the free market to resolve environmental issues. For those supporting a strong business climate over environmental regulation, the GOP field has a lot of promise.

Cage Research
*from **Sarah Cryer**, page 18*

nering team under the advisement of Assistant Professor of Chemistry Ian Rosenstein, and the prospective guest molecules are then passed on to the Jones lab to be tested for viability.

"If a guest molecule is too large for the cages, the whole structure will collapse, but sometimes bigger guest molecules make stronger structures than smaller ones," says Cryer. "If the molecule is too small, the structure won't be stable. The guest molecules will be combined with the semiclathrate as liquids, and can then be molded into any shape desired, similar to creating a complicated ice cube.

Despite this amazing malleability, the semiclathrate compounds can withstand extreme temperatures and pressures – possibly even those necessary to hold compressed hydrogen. Thus, the semiclathrate samples were tested for durability, melting point, and other key characteristics to determine whether a form of semiclathrate could eventually be used to replace our gas tanks. Cryer points out the process is far from completion and could take years, but Jones is quick to point out that, "there is a distinct possibility of achieving great results."

Cryer is an active student in the Hamilton Chemistry Department who, although "not 100 percent sure" of her future plans, is excited about following up this summer's research with further efforts. When not trying to revolutionize the fuel economy of the United States in the Science Center, Cryer can often be found burning a different kind of energy in a very different place: calories in the Bristol Pool. She is an enthusiastic member of the Hamilton Women's swim team.

Men's Tennis Heads to St. Lawrence Fall Classic

First Years Will Play a Pivotal Role in Leading Team to Success

by Brandon Leibsohn '10
Sports Editor

The Hamilton Men's Tennis Team hopes to rebound from a disappointing season last year. The team was unable to recapture some of the golden touch that they had in previous years during the Liberty League and NESCAC seasons. As a team, the Continentals finished with no wins in eleven matches. Individually, the team had some players who progressed throughout the season. The lone returning senior on the team is Jared Solomon who finished with two wins last year. He will look to be the leader of this young squad. Jared Friedberg '09 and Mark Segal '09 also are back to help increase the talent level of the team.

Peter Erwin '11, Daniel Gross '11, Gregory Kreitzer '11, Michael Moreno '11, and Peter Garrett '11 all will play a key role during the upcoming season. With five new players joining the team this year, it will be imperative to gain experience early on and develop team chemistry. Especially in doubles play, knowledge of the style of play of your partner and the opponents is important. Playing against the competition can provide the team with a great way to learn and develop better harmony on the court.

The first matches of the season will take place at the St. Lawrence Fall Classic this Saturday and Sunday. In the top singles bracket, Kreitzer will face Jose Guzman '10 of Rochester Institute of Technology. Guzman played well during his freshman campaign, winning four of his final six matches to end the season. This matchup could present a problem for Kreitzer because he will be going up against a proven competitor. Kreitzer will have to be on top of his game to advance in his side of the bracket.

Peter Garrett will take on Will Cook '11 from Saint Lawrence University in the final match of the first round in the top bracket of the tournament.

In the second-tier singles bracket, Jared Solomon will take on Chris McDonald '10 of Saint Lawrence University. This match will be the beginning of what should be an improved Solomon. If Solomon can control the game with lots of movement, he has a good chance of moving on in the tournament because McDonald is not in great shape.

Moreno will take on Mike Kornhauser '08 of University of Rochester in his first match as a Continental. Moreno has a good shot at advancing far in this tournament if he can capitalize on his opponents' weaknesses. Kornhauser was winless as a junior last year and should be an easy first round matchup.

Erwin and Kreitzer will team up in the top doubles bracket. They will face Saint Lawrence sophomores Chris Tamm and Chris Rodilosso. Both teams will be playing together for the first time in competition making this a very interesting matchup. Solomon and Garrett have earned a bye for the first round and will take on Taylor Borda '10 and Danny Wolk '10 of Ithaca College in the second round of the doubles tournament. The Continentals will have their hands full, as their opponents were undefeated as doubles partners last year.

In order for the team to have success on the court the team will have to learn to play consistently at a high level. The experience that they will gain this weekend will prove to be vital. If the team can gain some early confidence with victories in the early round matches, it could be a springboard of what we can expect from the team this season.

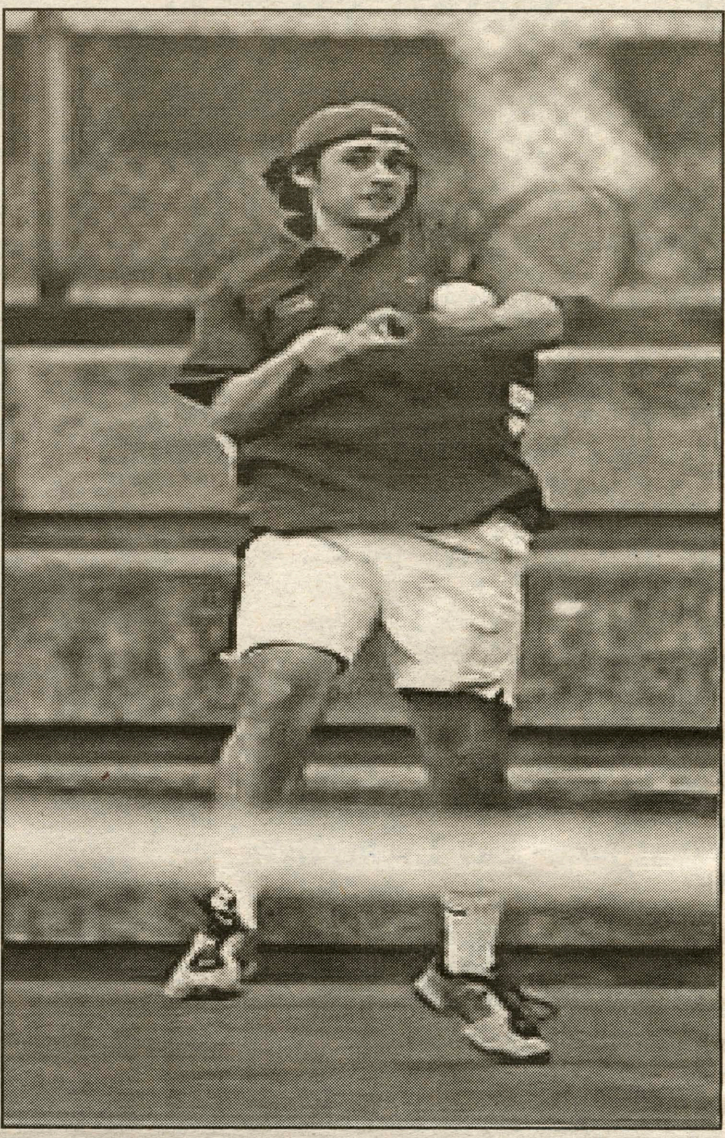

PHOTO COURTESY OF JOHN HUBBARD

Jared Friedberg '09 is back looking for redemption.

Baseball Postseason Races Heating Up: Who Gets In?

by Sean Hopper '09
Sports Writer

Midseason this year it seemed as though it was already set in stone who would win each division and who the wild card winners would be. That playoff picture has changed significantly since then.

The Brewers, who many thought would be this year's version of the '06 Detroit Tigers, have slowed down considerably, and now the Cubs lead the division. One of the biggest surprises was how poorly the Yankees had been playing: no one said they'd make the playoffs because the ditch was too low to dig out of. Now those writers and radio hosts are eating their words.

Going into the last 10 games of baseball there are races in almost every division that will come out to the last few days, if not the last game, of the year. Here is a breakdown of each division and the wildcard.

AL East: Even Yankee fans saw no chance of the Yankees overtaking Boston this year, but after Wednesday night the Yankees had pulled within just one and a half games of taking the division lead. So what happens now, when it seems as though the momentum has shifted in the Yankee's favor?

Gagne has disappointed, Okajima has been shut down and even Papelbon has shown signs of being human lately, getting knocked around by the Yankees and most recently the Blue Jays. The Red Sox remaining schedule is all against sub .500 teams (Oakland, Tampa Bay and Minnesota), while the Yankees schedule includes games against Tampa Bay, Baltimore and the Blue Jays. The Yankees have been so hot, I think that there is a very good chance that the Yankees will surpass the Red Sox to take the division, leaving the Red Sox to the wild card.

AL Central: The Indians just finished a sweep of the Detroit Tigers, which not only knocked the Tigers out of the division race, but also has knocked them out of the playoff race all together since they only have 10 games left. The Indians came so close two years ago to making the playoffs. Injuries overtook them last year. They have earned their success with their stellar play this season.

AL West: Like the Tigers in AL Central, the Seattle Mariners have already knocked themselves out of contention. To tell the truth, I never saw why they were winning so much to begin with; the only good starting pitcher they have is Felix Hernandez. This team wasn't ready to win after Mike Hargrove left the team in the middle of the season. Not surprisingly, the Angels advance to the playoffs.

AL Wild Card: The wild card will belong to whoever comes out on bottom of the always dominant AL East, and as mentioned earlier, my money is on this team being the Red Sox.

NL East: Both the NL East and AL East were similar in that it seemed the winners of each division were a forgone conclusion months ago, but now those winners are both in jeopardy of losing the division. As I write, the Phillies are two and a half games out of first place of the division and the wild card, and the Mets seem like a team that is ready to collapse, so what happens next?

What makes me think that the Phillies will be in the playoffs, besides the momentum, is their schedule. Besides a three game set with the Braves, (who are basically out of the playoff race), they play 7 of their last 10 games against the Washington Nationals.

While their pitching has been below par, their hitting has been incredible. The heart of the Phillies' order is just crazy with Howard, Rollins, Utley and Rowand. On the other hand, the Mets have an even easier schedule, as they play seven of their last ten against the Marlins and the other three against the Nationals. My prediction is that the Mets will hold on to the division, but that doesn't mean that the Phillies are out.

NL Central: Right now there is a tie for first place between the Milwaukee Brewers and Chicago Cubs. If it wasn't for the Cardinals recent collapse it could have been a three team race. This is a very tough decision to make. Once the Brewers had one of the best first half records in all of baseball, but recently they have only played .500 ball. The Cubs started to heat up at the right time and have gotten most of their injured players back. Still it's hard to say who will take it.

Personally, I like the Brewers a little bit more then the Cubs, but after looking at schedules I think that the Cubs might take it. The Brewers have a brutal schedule, playing all potential playoff teams including the Atlanta Braves, St. Louis Cardinals and the Wild Card leading San Diego Padres. The Cubs schedule includes all losing teams such as Pittsburgh, Florida and Cincinnati. Unless the Brewers can beat all those teams, (which seems pretty unlikely), the division will belong to the Cubs.

NL West: The Arizona Diamondbacks surprised many by leading at this point and I think that they will still lead when the season is over. You can't go by schedule to decide who will win because both the Diamondbacks and the Padres, who are only a game out of first place, have tough schedules.

The Diamondbacks have a good influx of youth and veterans while the Padres don't really do it for me. They've made the playoffs a lot recently but never make any noise. I don't like the Padres as much because they play much better at home and their other stud pitcher, Chris Young, (who was a Cy Young candidate earlier this season), has become mediocre as of late. Although the Rockies and Dodgers are not far behind, I don't see them catching up with such little time left. My pick is the Diamondbacks.

NL Wildcard: The Philadelphia Phillies momentum will carry them into the playoffs. They are playing too well and have too easy of a schedule not to get past the Padres. The Padres have a much tougher schedule and will play most of their remaining games away from pitcher-friendly Petco Park.

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Football Woes in New York

by Jacob Murray '09
Sports Writer

As preseason football came to a close at the end of August, all three New York teams felt confident about their upcoming games. Rookies Paul Posluszny and Marshawn Lynch were huge additions for the Buffalo Bills, who had previously struggled with their running game. The New York Giants, despite the loss of Tiki Barber, were optimistic with the production of young running back Brandon Jacobs, who had been a goal line specialist. After a strong 2006 season, Chad Pennington and the New York Jets were a safe bet for a Wild Card spot in the playoffs. Then came the start of the actual season.

With all three teams starting with an 0-2 record, one would wonder what went wrong. It is easy to identify what is wrong with the Giants: defense and injuries. In their first game of the season they had three major losses, including Brandon Jacobs and defensive end Osi Umenyiora. Along with these injuries, the Giants defense managed to give up a total of 631 passing yards over two games, the worst in the NFL so far. The only player who has performed above expectations has been quarterback Eli Manning, who currently has a passer rating of 97.5. Their divisional opponent next week, the Washington Redskins, is looking to improve to 3-0, so the Giants will have a tough time stopping them. If Manning can continue making smart decisions and throwing accurate passes, and the defense decides to defend against the pass, the Giants will be able get themselves a win, as well as a shot in the competitive NFC playoff race.

For the New York Jets, controversy after controversy has marred their short season. In their first game against the New England Patriots, in which they were beaten 38-14, the Patriots were accused of videotaping their opponent's defensive signals. New England was later fined and penalized for the incident, while the Jets were stuck with a loss and no consolation. In week 2, the Jets formed a fourth quarter comeback against the Ravens that failed in the final seconds of the game. Chad Pennington was not able to play the entire game due to an injured ankle, which ultimately could have stalled their comeback. After the game, the Baltimore Ravens Head Coach Brian Billick accused the Jets defensive players of illegally simulating the offenses snap count in order to draw the Jets offensive line to false start. Whether this claim is true or not, the Jets were awarded their second loss of the season, as well as uncertainty at the quarterback position. Some in the NFL believe that this issue only came up because Eric Mangini broke the unofficial code of coaches by calling out his former team. Fortunately, the Jets play the inconsistent Miami Dolphins. Miami has struggled so far with Trent Green calling the shots and have lost both their games. If Chad Pennington is able to play this weekend, the Jets may be able to put a "W" in the win column.

Finally, the Buffalo Bills seem to be having the worst time of all three New York teams. J.P. Losman's production has been sub-par in his first two games. Marshawn Lynch has not been as productive as the Bills hoped he would be straight out of college. Losman has failed to throw a touchdown pass so far, and has averaged 125.5 yards passing per game. Last week, the Bills defense had a lackluster performance, allowing 420 yards and 26 points. Even worse, they play the New England Patriots, who are coming off a huge victory over the San Diego Chargers. Although this game may appear to be an automatic loss for the Bills, if Losman can connect with breakout star receiver Lee Evans, they may have a shot at a win.

Women's Soccer Team Remains Undefeated

by Lindsay Getman '10
Sports Editor

The Hamilton Women's Soccer Team hit the ground running this season, and show no signs of slowing down. The team has been victorious in its first five contests and has out-scored opponents 24-2 thus far.

The Lady Continentals faced non-league rivals SUNY IT on the road on September 5 in Utica, N.Y. Erica Dressler '09 had one assist, and also scored the first hat-trick for a Hamilton player since 2001. En route to the 9-0 finish, three players scored their first collegiate goal: Anne Graveley '11, Laura Brandimarte '11 and Lauren Farver '11.

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Caitlin McGilley '08 and Kate Fowler '10 each spent one half in the net, though neither needed to make a save for the entire game. Hamilton out-shot SUNY IT 34-2.

The team hit the road once again to face Oswego on September 8. It was a much closer contest this time, but the Lady Continentals still managed to outshoot the Lakers 27-9.

Nicole Tetreault '08 scored Hamilton's first goal just 31 seconds into the game. Oswego tied things up with a goal in the beginning of the second half, but Katie Lyons '11 answered soon after with her first collegiate goal.

McGilley spent the game in goal and finished with six saves. The Lakers had just two corner kicks, while the Continentals took 11.

The very next day, the women hosted their home opener on Love Field. They trampled North Carolina Wesleyan College 8-0 in yet another non-league game. McGilley and Fowler combined forces for the shutout. McGilley did not face a single shot in the first half, while Fowler had three saves.

Tetreault scored two goals for the second game in a row. Erica Dressler '09, Anne Graveley '11 and Kendra Wulczyn '10 recorded one goal and one assist. MacKenzie Pelletier '10 contributed one goal and two assists.

The score was 5-0 at the half. The Lady Continentals out-shot the Battling Bishops 34-3 and took 16 corner-kicks to the Bishop's zero. Katie Mann '10 and Farver had one goal each.

As a result of her phenomenal performance, Tetreault was named co-Offensive Performer of the Week by the Liberty League on September 10.

Next the Lady Continentals took on Rochester Institute of Techonology at home on September 12. The team defended Love Field well, ratcheting up the intensity in the second half as RIT more than doubled their shot-totals. McGilley had a huge second half, making ten of her 11 saves in the second period. She posted her fifteenth career shut-out.

Hamilton's first goal came at just past the three-minute mark. Graveley headed in a cross from Dressler. Laura Stirrat '10 came off the bench to add the final tally of the contest at the close of the first period. It was also her first career goal. RIT fell to 2-2-1 as the Continentals remained undefeated.

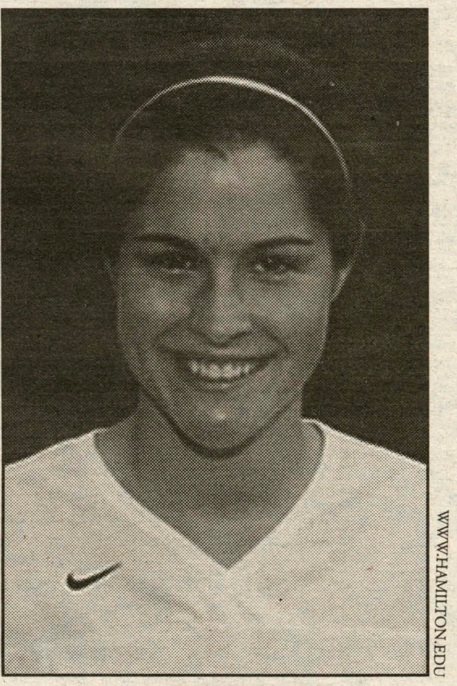
Continuing their string of home games, Hamilton hosted challenger Nazareth College, then 5-1. The last time the team played Nazareth was in 1986 and Hamilton emerged victorious, 1-0. Over 20 years later, the Golden Flyers are still no match for the Continentals.

Hamilton out-shot Nazareth 17 to nine, and took three times as many corner kicks. Pelletier had her second goal of the season as she dropped a long shot just under the crossbar at 27:21. First-year standout Graveley put up her fourth tally of the season on an unassisted breakaway.

Nazareth answered just after the 70 minute mark with one goal, but Hamilton held them off until the end. Keeper McGilley played all 90 minutes and finished with five saves to lock up the Continentals' tenth straight win on Love Field.

The Lady Continentals hope to continue their winning streak as they once again bring the action to The Hill today and tomorrow. Love Field plays host to the team's first two Liberty League match-ups of the season, taking on Skidmore and then Union. The game against Skidmore is today at 4 p.m., and the game against Union will be tomorrow at 2 p.m.

Skidmore is currently 3-1-2. Their last two match-ups, against Middlebury and Smith, have ended in a 0-0 tie. The Thoroughbreds will certainly look to break out of this scoring slump in today's game. Hamilton will be their first Liberty League contest of the season. Number five Rachael Sushner is the current team leader with three goals and six points. It should be an interesting game, considering that Skidmore seems to share Hamilton's penchant for out-shooting their opponents (116-36 and 130-41, respectively).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Stirrat '10

Union will certainly prove to be a tougher opponent. The Dutchwomen are currently 7-0; they face non-league challenger Clark in Geneva, N.Y. today. Union has out-scored opponents 26-1 this season.

The National Soccer Coaches Association of America currently ranks Hamilton tenth in the New York region. Be sure to come out and support your UNDEFEATED Lady Continentals as they defend their turf in a Love Field double-header!

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Football Team Crushes Colgate in Scrimmage

by Tim Eismeier '10
Sports Writer

This Saturday, September 22, will mark the return of Continental Football to the hill for the 2007 season. For the second consecutive year, Hamilton will face Tufts in its season opener. Last season, the Tufts-Hamilton game resulted in a disappointing 17-0 defeat for Hamilton. For this year's team, however, that game is somewhat of a distant memory.

The Continentals come into this game with confidence, after a convincing 28-7 scrimmage victory over Colgate. In that game, the team looked sharp on offense, defense and special teams. Quarterback Ben Saccomano '09 connected with his receivers for two touchdowns, while senior running back Claudius Zorokong returned a kick for a touchdown late in the game. Amongst this scoring was the solid play of the offensive line, and the stifling defense that held Colgate to just seven points.

Granted it is far to early to draw any real conclusions about this year's team, considering that the team has yet to play a conference game. Despite this, the team is certainly not lacking confidence. Starting offensive lineman Mike Bourbeau '10 is confident that this year's offensive will be much improved from last year's.

He said, "Our offense has made a lot of improvement this season. The offensive line is more experienced and the running backs are looking sharp and hitting the holes hard. Our quarterback, Ben, is doing a great job and the receivers are getting open for him. The team is very confident going into this season."

The defense is also coming into this season with high expectations. It will look to match and build upon the success from last season. Defensive lineman and Team Captain Derek Donavon '08 believes the strength of the Hamilton defense is a result of several factors.

He stated, "Our main strength is in our veterans. We have a lot of solid veteran players on defense that know the system. We did lose two key seniors from last year, but their replacements are playing well. Another strength is our combination of strength and speed. We play with intensity and quickness, and we play hard."

Tufts will present a good challenge for the Continentals because they are coming off of a successful year. They were able to double their win total last year. They have Adam Arsenault '08 back for his senior season and he is determined to repeat his past success, which includes winning the 2004 NESCAC Rookie of the Year Award.

The Continentals must get off to a quick start. Last year, Tufts jumped out to an early lead and forced Hamilton to play catch up. If the running game can be established early on, the team will be able to throw more effectively and take some of the pressure off of the quarterback, which would enable him to stay in the pocket.

The game should be a good test for the Continentals, and an opportunity to showcase an improved offense and special teams. Along with a strong defense, success is finally within reach.

PHOTO COURTESY OF MIKE BOURBEAU '10
Mike Bourbeau '10 celebrates after an offensive touchdown against Colgate.

This Weekend in Hamilton Athletics:

Friday 9/21:
Tennis (W) @ ITA Northeast Regional Championship
Soccer (M) @ Skidmore
Soccer (W) v. Skidmore
Field Hockey v. Rochester

Saturday 9/22:
Tennis (M) @ St. Lawrence Classic
Volleyball v. Union
Football v. Tufts
Cross Country (M) @ Williams Invitational
Cross Country (W) @ Williams Invitational
Field Hockey v. William Smith
Golf @ Williams Fall Invitational
Soccer (M) @ Union
Soccer (W) v. Union

Aces Rule for Women's Tennis

by Brandon Leibsohn '10
Sports Editor

The Women's Tennis Team opened the season in dominating fashion. In their home match against Union College, the Continentals won easily eight games to one. The only blemish came in doubles play. Marni Powers '08 added to her singles winning percentage school ranking by beating her opponent 6-1, 6-0. She currently sits in ninth place with a winning percentage of .658 in singles play. If she is able to win her next two matches, then she can move up to eighth place in school history, passing Callen Sterling '06.

Kara Powers '08, Laura Brantley '10, and Deborah Barany '11 all won their matches in straight sets. Ashley Pardoe '09 and Liz Goheen '09 both defeated their opponents in one set showing that the team is talented enough to do great things this year.

In doubles play, the Powers sisters won in their doubles match in a singles set, 8-4. With the win, they improved upon their doubles career winning percentage (.545) and will continue to move on up in the rankings throughout the rest of the season.

Beth McDonald '09 and Mary Wilder '10 also won their doubles match, but Pardoe and Brantley were unable to complete the sweep, as they fell 8-6 to Union's second pair.

Starting out the season on a winning note provides tremendous confidence for the team. The team will travel to William Smith College for the ITA Northeast Regional Championships this weekend.

The team will have little time to recover, as it will travel to Rensselaer on September 25, and back to face William Smith on September 29. The next week of the season will be the biggest test of the team's talent and ability because both opponents are undefeated so far this season.

The first match against Rensselaer will determine whether or not the Continentals have a realistic shot at a championship worthy season. The top six players for Rensselaer have not lost in any of their matches.

In their first game against Hartwick College, Rensselaer only gave up five points in a set once during the entire match. All of its players have played exceptionally well and getting wins against them will be quite difficult. The Continentals will have to control the swing of the game, dictating the pace with accurate service, lobs, and overall smart decision making.

Last year, Rensselaer came in eighth place at the Liberty League Championships, but they lost to Union College. Hamilton can use this to their advantage because they were able to get past Union easily this year.

The match against William Smith could present a different challenge because they may face each other in the ITA Northeast Regional Championships. Gaining awareness of the opponent's style of play could provide a leg up in this match.

Talent alone will not be enough, but if the Continentals remain consistent and play with enough confidence then this match should be easy. William Smith's best player, Samantha Schreaeter '09, has already proven to be beatable, as she lost her only game so far against St. John Fisher.

With the Power twins back, the team has a chance to return to the success that Hamilton has become accustomed to in the past few years. Head Coach Jamie King has shown again that he knows how to reach out to his team and provide the necessary motivation. The talent level on the team has improved and with experience, leadership, and coaching, the Continentals will prove to be a major force to be reckoned with on the tennis court this season.